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Dear Sir / Madam,

EXTENSION TO NORTH AISLE TO PROVIDE ACCESS AND WC FACILITIES FOR THE DISABLED ST MARYS CHURCH HIGH STREET OVERTON WREXHAM

Thank you for inviting our comments on the planning application for the proposed development as described above.

Our role in the planning process is to provide the local planning authority with an assessment concerned with the likely impact that the proposal will have on scheduled monuments or registered historic parks and gardens. It is a matter for the local planning authority to then weigh our assessment against all the other material considerations in determining whether to approve planning permission, including issues concerned with listed buildings and conservation areas.

Applications for planning permission are considered in light of the Welsh Government's land use planning policy and guidance contained in Planning Policy Wales (PPW), technical advice notes and circular guidance. PPW explains that the desirability of preserving an ancient monument and its setting is a material consideration in determining a planning application whether that monument is scheduled or not. Furthermore, it explains that where nationally important archaeological remains, whether scheduled or not, and their settings are likely to be affected by proposed development, there should be a presumption in favour of their physical preservation in situ. Paragraph 17 of Circular 60/96, *Planning and the Historic Environment: Archaeology*, elaborates by explaining that this means a presumption against proposals which would involve significant alteration or cause damage, or which would have a significant impact on the setting of visible remains. PPW also explains that local authorities should protect parks and gardens and their settings included in the first part of the Register of Landscapes, Parks and Gardens of Special Historic Interest in Wales.

The proposal is located within the historic park and garden known as Overton: St Mary's Churchyard PGW(C) 8.

Mae'r Gwasanaeth Amgylchedd Hanesyddol Llywodraeth Cymru (Cadw) yn hyrwyddo gwaith cadwraeth ar gyfer amgylchedd hanesyddol Cymru a gwerthfawrogiad ohono.

The Welsh Government Historic Environment Service (Cadw) promotes the conservation and appreciation of Wales's historic environment.

Rydym yn croesawu gohebiaeth yn Gymraeg ac yn Saesneg.
We welcome correspondence in both English and Welsh.



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The churchyard at St Mary's is registered grade II and contains some very old yew trees. It is important that the proposed works do not impact on the churchyard yew trees.

Having carefully considered the information provided with the planning application, we consider that the documentation inadequately analyses the impact of the proposal on the aforementioned designated historic assets. We would need further clarification regarding the installation of the septic tank. It appears to be sunk into the existing gravel pathway however, given its sensitive location in front of the church it is not clear from the supporting documents whether alternative locations have been explored, how it will appear (e.g. would the lid of the tank be visible?) or how it will affect users of the path.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Nichola Davies', with a stylized, cursive script.

Nichola Davies
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