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Dear Sir / Madam,

CONSTRUCTION AND OPERATION OF A RECYCLED FIBRE (RCF) RECEPTION FACILITY, GRADING PLANT, STORAGE SILOS AND OTHER ASSOCIATED INFRASTRUCTURE KRONOSPAN LTD HOLYHEAD ROAD CHIRK WREXHAM

Thank you for your letter 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.

The proposed development is located within the vicinity of the following scheduled monuments known as:

Scheduled Ancient Monuments:

DE175 Pontcysyllte Aqueduct and Canal
DE133 Offa's Dyke: Caeau-Gwynion Section
DE134 Offa's Dyke: Chirk Castle Section extending NE from Castle Mill
DE135 Offa's Dyke: Chirk Park Section extending NE from the Lake
DE138 Offa's Dyke: Section N & S of Plas-Offa
DE198 Offa's Dyke: Chirk Park Section extending 340m NE of Home Farm
World Heritage Sites:

Also within the buffer zone of the World Heritage Site known as Pontcysyllte Aqueduct and Canal

This is to be located within 50m of the western end of the existing Kronospan industrial complex containing a number of large scale warehouses, processing plants

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

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and emissions stacks. The development site is currently used as a storage area for logs, chipped wood and bark, immediately to the north of the main manufacturing and warehouse buildings. Under the classifications set out in the joint LPA produced Supplementary Planning Guidance for the WHS (February 2011) this can be considered either a Type 4 or a Type 1 development scenario, being 'major development within the buffer zone' immediately adjacent to the scheduled area of the canal itself. The Shrewsbury to Chester railway line forms the western boundary of the site, the canal itself, with its eastern footpath lies parallel and immediately west of the railway. Views in an arc to the east from this stretch of the canal towpath are dominated by the western buildings and present storage area of the existing Kronospan plant, which according to section 3.3.3 of the Design and Access Statement forms a 'notable component of the local landscape' and therefore the character of this area of the world heritage site buffer zone, the massive industrial bulk of its buildings rising over an overwhelmingly pastoral landscape. There are also several semi-contiguous sections of Offa's Dyke running across the higher ground approximately 1.4km to the W of the development site.

The proposed development site falls within the world heritage site buffer zone and in close proximity to the scheduled area of the canal. Whilst the reception building and grading plant are to be of relatively low relief the silos will be substantial structures of up to 32m in height and are likely to be directly visible from the canal towpath. These are not to replace existing structures but will form new additions to the plant and will clearly have some degree of impact on the world heritage site.

When viewed from the adjacent canal and at greater distances from the above-listed sections of Offa's Dyke, the proposed new structures will form one element of and be set a backdrop of the much more extensive Kronospan complex, a number of the existing structures of which are of similar appearance to the proposed and of an equal or much greater footprint or elevation, such as the 65.5m the Seka Stack.

Whilst the proposed development will add to the overall mass of the complex and will incrementally add to its adverse effect on the settings of the above listed monuments and the world heritage site buffer zone in our view it is unlikely to significantly change the overall appearance of the complex in views from the Canal or Offa's Dyke. Nor in our view will it affect significant change to the character of this area of the buffer zone and will therefore have only a minor adverse impact on the essential setting of or any sense of place or arrival to the world heritage site.

Yours sincerely

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