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Wrexham County Borough Council
Planning Department
16 Lord Street
Wrexham
LL11 1LG

Our Ref BWYS-PLAN-2016-19603-2
Your Ref P/2016/0219

Dear Mr Kevin Hughes

The Town & Country Planning Act 1990 (as amended)

Planning & Compulsory Purchase Act 2004

Application No: P/2016/0219

Proposal: Construction and operation of a recycled fibre (RCF) reception facility, grading plant, storage silos and other associated infrastructure.

Location: Kronospan Ltd Holyhead Road, Chirk, Wrexham, LL14 5NT

Waterway: Llangollen Canal

Thank you for your consultation dated 07 March 2016 in respect of the above.

The Canal & River Trust is a statutory consultee under the Town and Country Planning (Development Management Procedure) (England) Order 2015.

The Canal & River Trust is a company limited by guarantee and registered as a charity. It is separate from government but still the recipient of a significant amount of government funding.

The Trust has a range of charitable objects including:

- To hold in trust or own and to operate and manage inland waterways for public benefit, use and enjoyment;
- To protect and conserve objects and buildings of heritage interest;
- To further the conservation, protection and improvement of the natural environment of inland waterways; and
- To promote sustainable development in the vicinity of any inland waterways for the benefit of the public.

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After due consideration of the application details, the Canal & River Trust has the following general **comments** to make:

The proposed development would have a significant visual impact on the surrounding area as a result of the scale and height of the proposed structures, although it would clearly be viewed in the context of the existing industrial plant on the site; bulky chimney stacks and other large buildings which together form a significant feature in the landscape and buffer zone of the World Heritage Site. The visual impact of the development when viewed from the adjacent stretch of the Llangollen Canal would be reduced as a result of the depth of the cutting and the steeply wooded slopes on the embankment. The location of the new development would be set back from the cutting and contained by the railway to the west side of the site. CRT are therefore satisfied that the visual impact on the wider World Heritage Site and its buffer has been adequately assessed and does not wish to raise any objections in this respect.

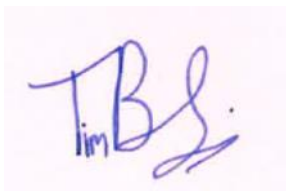
If the Council is minded to grant planning permission, it is requested that the following informative is attached to the decision notice:

"The applicant/developer is advised to contact The Third Party Works Team ((01782 779909)) in order to ensure that any necessary consents are obtained and that the works comply with the Canal & River Trust "Code of Practice for Works affecting the Canal & River Trust".

In addition, in order for the Canal & River Trust to effectively monitor our role as a statutory consultee, please send me a copy of the decision notice and the requirements of any planning obligation.

Should you have any queries please contact me at this office

Yours sincerely



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