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Dear Sir / Madam,

Erection of battery storage facility, Substation, Bronwylfa Road, Talwrn, Wrexham

Thank you for inviting our comments on the information submitted for the above planning application.

Advice

Having carefully considered the information provided, we have no objection to the proposed development in regards to the scheduled monuments listed in our assessment of the application below.

The national policy and Cadw's role in planning are set out in Annex A.

Assessment

Scheduled Monuments:

DE131 Cadwgan Hall Mound

DE132 Offa's Dyke: Cadwgan Hall Section, extending from River Clywedog to the Railway

DE137 Offa's Dyke: Pentre-Bychan Hall Section, extending 540m S from Bron-Wylfa

DE139 Offa's Dyke: Plas Power Section

DE193 Moated Site near Groesfoel Farm, Rhostyllen

DE194 Offa's Dyke: Section extending 120m from Railway to Bronwylfa Road, Legacy

The Proposed Development consists of:

- 52 no. containers (double stacked) housing Battery Energy Storage Systems (BESS) and sitting on an access deck;

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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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- 26 no. battery inverter / transformer stations;
- 1no. client control room;
- 2no. switchgear units;
- 1no. auxiliary transformer;
- 1no. 40 cubic metre water tank;
- 2.4m high steel palisade security fencing surrounding the entire BSF facility;
- CCTV monitoring / lighting column points;

It will be located at the northern end of the existing National Grid Legacy Substation, which is contained by existing earthworks.

The above designated heritage assets are located inside 2km of the proposed development. However, most views of the development from the scheduled monuments will be blocked by the earthworks of the Substation, along with intervening topography, buildings and existing vegetation and therefore there will be no impact on their settings.

In winter, it may be possible to see the upper part of the containers from scheduled monument DE137 Offa's Dyke: Pentre-Bychan Hall Section, extending 540m S from Bron-Wylfa, but they will still be heavily screened by the trees. As such whilst there may be a very slight visual change in the view from the monument, for a short period of time in the winter, this will not have any effect on the way that it is experienced, understood and appreciated. Consequently, the proposed development will have no impact on the setting of scheduled monument DE137.

Yours sincerely,

Nichola Davies
Casework Manager

Annex A

Our role

Our statutory 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, registered historic parks and gardens, registered historic landscapes where an Environmental Impact Assessment is required and development likely to have an impact on the outstanding universal value of a World Heritage Site. We do not provide an assessment of the likely impact of the development on listed buildings or conservation areas, as these are matters for the local authority.

It is for the local planning authority to weigh our assessment against all the other material considerations in determining whether to approve planning permission.

National Policy

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 related guidance.

PPW [planning-policy-wales-edition-11.pdf](#) explains that it is important that the planning system looks to protect, conserve and enhance the significance of historic assets. This will include consideration of the setting of an historic asset which might extend beyond its curtilage. Any change that impacts on an historic asset or its setting should be managed in a sensitive and sustainable way.

The conservation of archaeological remains and their settings is a material consideration in determining a planning application, whether those remains are a scheduled monument or not. Where nationally important archaeological remains are likely to be affected by proposed development, there should be a presumption in favour of their physical protection in situ. It will only be in exceptional circumstances that planning permission will be granted if development would result in a direct adverse impact on a scheduled monument (or an archaeological site shown to be of national importance)

[Technical Advice Note 24: The Historic Environment](#) elaborates by explaining that when considering development proposals that affect scheduled monuments or other nationally important archaeological remains, there should be a presumption in favour of their physical preservation in situ, i.e. a presumption against proposals which would involve significant alteration or cause damage, or would have a significant adverse impact causing harm within the setting of the remains.

Historic Parks and Gardens

PPW also explains that local authorities should value, protect, conserve and enhance the special interests of parks and gardens and their settings included on the register of historic parks and gardens in Wales and that the effect of a proposed development on a registered park or garden or its setting should be a material consideration in the determination of a planning application.