

Mr Kevin Hughes  
Wrexham County Borough Council  
The Guildhall  
16 Lord Street  
Wrexham  
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Your Ref P/2019/0505

Our Ref CRTR-PLAN-2019-27767

Wednesday 31 July 2019

Dear Mr Hughes

**Proposal: Development of a building containing 2 No. Gas engines each with a maximum electricity generating capacity of 9.73MW, 2 No. steam boilers, roof mounted coolers, walkway between an adjacent building and the proposed building, exhaust gas offtake pipes and steam pipes from the gas engine building and carbon catalyst abatement system**

**Location: Kronospan Ltd, Holyhead Road, Chirk**

**Waterway: Llangollen Canal**

Thank you for your consultation.

We are the charity who look after and bring to life 109 miles of canals in Wales. Our waterways contribute to the health and wellbeing of local communities and economies, creating attractive and connected places to live, work, volunteer and spend leisure time. These historic, natural and cultural assets form part of the strategic and local green-blue infrastructure network, linking urban and rural communities as well as habitats. By caring for our waterways and promoting their use we believe we can improve the wellbeing of Wales. The Trust is known as Glandŵr Cymru, the Canal & River Trust in Wales and we are a statutory consultee in the Development Management process.

Based on the information available our substantive response (as required by the Town & Country Planning (Development Management Procedure) (Wales) Order 2012 (as amended)) is that the Trust has **no comment** to make on the proposal.

The Llangollen Canal is within the Ponycysyllte Aqueduct and Canal World Heritage Site (WHS) and passes to the west of the site. The application site is within the buffer zone to the WHS. The proposed development would include quite sizeable structures including the gas engines which would be 19.3 in height, 24.7m in length and 11.8m in width and finished in an Agate Grey colour. However, based on the submitted viewpoints from the canal corridor (K, J, N and M), the development would only be visible in the vicinity of viewpoints K and J. It would appear that the proposed development would be viewed against the existing complex, buildings and structures on the site. The existing vegetation would also assist with screening the development from the towpath. As such the development would not result in further significant visual harm to the canal corridor and that part of the WHS, over and above the existing situation. We would ask the Council to satisfy themselves that this would also be the case.

Please do not hesitate to contact me with any queries you may have.

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Yours sincerely,

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