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Dear Sir/Madam

TOWN AND COUNTRY PLANNING ACT 1990

**INSTALLATION OF 2 NO. AIR SOURCE HEAT PUMPS (TO REAR OF
PROPERTIES) 1 AND 2 HOME FARM COTTAGES CHIRK CASTLE CHIRK
WREXHAM**

Thank you for your letter of 3 October 2017 inviting our comments on the above mentioned proposal.

Advice

Having carefully considered the information provided with this planning application, we have no objections to the impact of the proposed development on the grade I Registered Historic Park and Garden C63 Chirk Castle. Our assessment of the application is given below.

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

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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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 (Chapter 6 – The Historic Environment) explains that the conservation of archaeological remains is a material consideration in determining a planning application, whether those remains are a scheduled monument or not. 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 protection in situ. It will only be in exceptional circumstances that planning permission will be granted if development would result in an adverse impact on a scheduled monument (or an archaeological site shown to be of national importance) or has a significantly damaging effect upon its setting. Technical Advice Note 24: The Historic Environment elaborates by explaining that there is a presumption against proposals which would involve significant alteration or cause damage, or which would have a significant impact on the setting of 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, 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.

Assessment

This application is for the installation of two air source heat pumps at nos 1 and 2 Home Farm Cottages on the Chirk Castle estate. The properties are in the ownership of the National Trust, an organisation seeking to reduce the use of fossil fuels at its properties and replace with sources of renewable energy.

The proposed location of the heat pumps is to the rear of the cottages, back to back either side of the adjoining garden fence. The proposed location is positioned to the rear and away from the cottages to reduce the visual impact on the buildings. The cottages are listed buildings and the impact of the proposals on the buildings is a matter for the local authority.

In our view the proposed development is unlikely to have an adverse impact on the registered park and garden at Chirk Castle.

Yours faithfully

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