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Dear Mr Phillips,

**SCOPING OPINION FOR INTENSIVE POULTRY UNIT
MULSFORD FARM SARN, MALPAS, WREXHAM.**

Thank you for your letter of 3 March 2017 inviting our comments on the above.

Cadw, as the Welsh Government's historic environment service, has assessed the characteristics of this proposed development and its location within the historic environment. In particular, the likely impact on designated or registered historic assets of national importance. In assessing if the likely impact of the development is significant Cadw has considered the extent to which the proposals affect those nationally important historic assets that form the historic environment, including scheduled ancient monuments, listed buildings, registered historic parks, gardens and landscapes.

These views are provided without prejudice to the Welsh Government's consideration of the matter, should it come before it formally for determination.

The scoping report fails to consider an appropriate assessment of the impact of the development on the historic environment. The application area is located inside the Registered Maelor Landscape of Special Historic Interest. Planning Policy Wales (November 2016), 6.5.27 states:-

"Information on the register of historic landscapes in Wales should be taken into account by local planning authorities in considering the implications of developments which meet the criteria for Environmental Impact Assessment".

Consequently the impact of the proposed development on the historic landscape will need to be considered in the environmental impact assessment. Planning Policy Wales (November 2016), 6.5.28 notes that:

"Cadw and Natural Resources Wales have issued a 'guide to good practice' on using the register of historic landscapes.⁴² It includes a method for assessing the effects of

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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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proposed development on an area on the register of historic landscapes (ASIDOHL2). This method should be followed by applicants when preparing the relevant part of the Cultural Heritage chapter of their Environmental Statement”.

Therefore the proposed Environmental Impact Assessment will need to include an assessment of the impact of the proposed development on the Registered Historic Landscape carried out to the ASIDOHL2 methodology.

The proposed development is located in an area where earthworks of medieval field systems have been identified. The proposed development is likely to have an impact on these earthworks and this will need to be considered in the Environmental Impact Assessment. There will also be a need to consider if the proposed development will have an impact on the setting of any Scheduled Monuments or Listed Buildings. Consequently the Environmental Impact Assessment will need to include an assessment of the impact of the proposed development on the historic environment and it is strongly recommended that this should be undertaken in accordance with the Standards and Guidance for Desk-based Historic Environment Assessment issued by the Chartered Institute for Archaeologists. It should be noted however that the results of this assessment could indicate the likelihood that unrecorded archaeological features are located in the development area and that archaeological evaluation and/or geophysical surveys may need to be carried out before the Environmental Impact Assessment can be completed.

In conclusion the proposed Environmental Impact Assessment will need to fully consider the impact of the development on the historic environment and this will, in the first instance require a Desk-based Historic Environment Assessment and an ASIDOHL assessment to be carried out. However it is possible that further studies including archaeological evaluation and geophysical surveys may be required in order to fully assess the impact of the proposed development on the historic environment.

Yours sincerely

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