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Dear Sir / Madam,

Development of a raw board store, Kronospan Ltd Holyhead Road Chirk Wrexham

Thank you for your letter inviting our comments on the above planning application.

Advice

Having carefully considered the information provided with this planning application, we have no objections to the impact of the proposed development on the historic assets listed in our assessment of the application 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

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,

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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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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

Scheduled Monument:

The Cultural Heritage Appraisal has assessed the impact of the proposed development on the setting of scheduled monument DE175 Pontcysyllte Aqueduct and Canal and noted that the proposed development will not be visible from most of the canal due to the engineering works associated with it and the surrounding topography. The clearest view of the proposed development from the canal will be a short section near to the Chirk Marina (shown in viewpoint J of the LVIA). At this point the bulk of the main building of the wood chipping and flaking system will be clearly visible. It will however, be seen behind the existing Kronospan plant and therefore it will not constitute a significant alteration to this view. Overall the submitted Cultural Heritage Appraisal concludes that the proposed development will cause no damage to the setting of scheduled monument DE175, but along with the other proposed developments at Kronospan will cumulatively cause negligible damage to the setting, we concur with this assessment.

World Heritage Site:

The impact of the proposed development in views from the World Heritage Site Pontcysyllte Aqueduct and Canal will be negligible. Likewise the proposed development will be seen along with the existing plant in the views from the Buffer Zone, but will constitute an addition to the complex. The Cultural Heritage Appraisal has concluded that this will not have an impact on the Outstanding Universal Values of the World Heritage Site but when considered along with the other proposed developments at Kronospan the cumulative impact will be negligible adverse , we also concur with this assessment

Registered Historic Park and Garden:

The proposed development will not be visible in any of the identified significant views of the registered historic park and garden known as Chirk Castle but will be seen in views from the northern part of the historic park: However in these views only a small part of the proposed development will be seen and this will have no impact on the setting of the registered Chirk Castle Historic Park and Garden.

Yours sincerely

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