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The Canal & River Trust in Wales

Monday 19 June 2017

Mr Kevin Hughes
Wrexham County Borough Council
The Guildhall
16 Lord Street
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Our Ref

CRTR-PLAN-2017-
22551

Dear Mr Hughes,

Proposal: Replacement of existing wood chip preparation facility to include a building to house new wood chip preparation equipment, development of a new wood chip dryer and associated sifting, grading and transfer system and demolition of existing structures to facilitate the development.

Location: Kronospan Ltd, Holyhead Road, Wrexham

Waterway: Llangollen Canal

Thank you for your consultation.

Glandŵr Cymru, the Canal & River Trust in Wales, cares for Wales' historic canals, made up of the Swansea, Llangollen, Montgomery and Monmouthshire & Brecon Canals. Our canals perform many different functions and are a haven for people and wildlife and a national treasure. We are a statutory consultee in the development management process.

Glandŵr Cymru has reviewed the consultation. This is our substantive response under the Town and Country Planning (Development Management Procedure) (Wales) Order 2012, as amended. Based on the information available we have **concerns** relating to the noise and visual impact of the development

The proposed development would have the potential to have a significant visual impact on the surrounding area as a result of the scale and height of the proposed structures, although it would clearly be viewed in the context of the existing industrial plant on the site; bulky chimney stacks and other large buildings which together form a significant feature in the landscape and buffer zone of the World Heritage Site. The visual impact of the development when viewed from the adjacent stretch of the Llangollen Canal would be reduced as a result of the depth of the cutting and the steeply wooded slopes on the embankment. On balance Glandŵr Cymru are therefore satisfied that the visual impact on the wider World Heritage Site and its buffer has been adequately assessed. The opportunity for any further native planting on the boundaries of the site should be considered to further lessen the visual impact.

At present the processes on the site can be noisy. The proposed new processes planting/technology may be quieter. Notwithstanding this the proposed development would

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have the potential to detract from the amenity of the area. The Council should satisfy itself that the proposed development would not further detract from the amenity of the area and we would ask that they secure any suitable attenuation measures to reduce the noise impact.

For Glandŵr Cymru to effectively monitor our role as a statutory consultee, please send me a copy of the decision notice.

If you have any queries please contact me, my details are below.

Yours sincerely

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