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**CONSTRUCTION OF STEEL SUPPORT STRUCTURE FOR TWO AIR GRADING CYCLONES
FOR SEPARATION OF SURFACE AND CORE LAYER MATERIAL FOR THE PARTICLE
BOARD PROCESS
KRONOSPAN LTD, HOLYHEAD ROAD, CHIRK, WREXHAM, LL14 5NT**

Thank you for consulting us on the above application, which we received on the 22nd September 2015.

We have no objection to the application, but have the following comments:

Environmental Permitting

This application provides justification for the installation of an air grader to separate surface and core layer material for particle board manufacture.

With respect to Industry Regulation, the scope of the proposal falls within the environmental permit issued by Wrexham County Borough Council (and as such should be referred to your Environmental Health Department for comment).

From the application, we cannot see that the development would adversely impact on existing discharge permits or abstraction licences.

The applicants should ensure that all waste generated during the development is disposed of in accordance with the Environmental Permitting (England and Wales) Regulations 2010 and the Waste (England and Wales) Regulations 2011 and all other relevant legislation. If any waste is to be used in construction, ensure that the relevant exemption or permit is obtained before waste is imported. Ensure all duty of care waste transfer notes are retained.

The applicants should ensure that no pollution to surface or groundwater is caused by dewatering excavations, see our regulatory position statement:

https://www.gov.uk/government/uploads/system/uploads/attachment_data/file/445466/LIT_5107.pdf

No contaminated discharge should be made to surface water or groundwater.

For advice on pollution prevention at construction sites please refer to PPG6:

https://www.gov.uk/government/uploads/system/uploads/attachment_data/file/290139/pmho0412bwfe-e-e.pdf

Landscape

The proposal may affect the Clwydian Range and Dee Valley Area of Outstanding Natural Beauty. We remind you of your Authority's duty under Section 85 of the Countryside and Rights of Way Act 2000 which requires public bodies to have regard to the purposes of conserving and enhancing the natural beauty of the AONB. The statutory purposes of Areas of Outstanding Natural Beauty are conservation and enhancement of natural beauty.

Section drawings submitted with the planning application indicate that the proposed air grading cyclones would be a structure of comparable character to existing built elements of the site and much lower than a number of the site's industrial structures. Trees lining the World Heritage Site canal cutting to the immediate west of the site and location of the proposal, provide a strong landscape integrating edge and screen between the Kronospan site and the Clwydian Range and Dee Valley AONB. The tallest industrial structures at Kronospan are at times seen above this line of trees from local lanes and Chirk Castle within the AONB, whilst a more extensive area of the site is seen from lanes and a section of Offa's Dyke footpath on higher ground to the north-west.

From either contexts, we consider views of the proposal from the Clwydian Range and Dee Valley AONB are unlikely to experience a significant change to existing views.

Ecology

The proposal will not affect the features, functionality or integrity of any statutory sites of ecological or geological interest.

The proposal will not be detrimental to the maintenance of the favourable conservation status of any populations of European or British protected species.

Yn gywir / Yours' faithfully,



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