Statement of Truth in Support of an Application for a Certificate of Lawfulness of Use of part of land at Chirk Castle, Chirk, Wrexham LL14 5AF

I , make the following statement in support of the accompanying application for a Certificate of Lawfulness of Use of part of land at Chirk Castle, Chirk, Wrexham, LL14 5AF as an overflow car park ('the Property').

I am making this statement on behalf of the National Trust for Places of Historic Interest or Natural Beauty ("the Trust").

I started working for the Trust as a Rural Surveyor on 28th November 1998, dealing with properties in the counties of Gwynedd, Conwy, Denbighshire, Flintshire and Wrexham County.

My current role is Estate Manager with responsibility for Bodnant, Chirk Castle & Denbighshire properties, Erddig and Powis Castle and I have been in this role since 01 March 2016.

The Trust acquired the freehold land known as Chirk Castle, Chirk, Wrexham LL14 5AF ('the Estate') on 12 June 1981. The Property forms part of the Estate. The Estate is registered at HM Land Registry under Title number CYM454677 and is shown edged in red on Plan 1 attached to this statement. The Property is shown edged in red on Plan 2 attached to this statement.

The Property has been used by the Trust as an overflow car park adjacent to the main car park since December 2007. The two attached letters refer to the erection of a fence between adjoining land and the overflow car park: 09 October 2007 from the farm tenant David Myddelton of Myddelton Estate Office (Item 1); and letter in reply dated 29 October 2007 from Emma Hegarty, National Trust Property Manager 2nd paragraph (Item 2). By December 2007 the fence had been erected, and the Property was in use as an overflow car park.

The Property has remained in continuous use as an occasional overflow car park from December 2007 to the present day.

I believe that the facts and matters contained in this statement are true.

Signature:

Date: 10th September 2025……

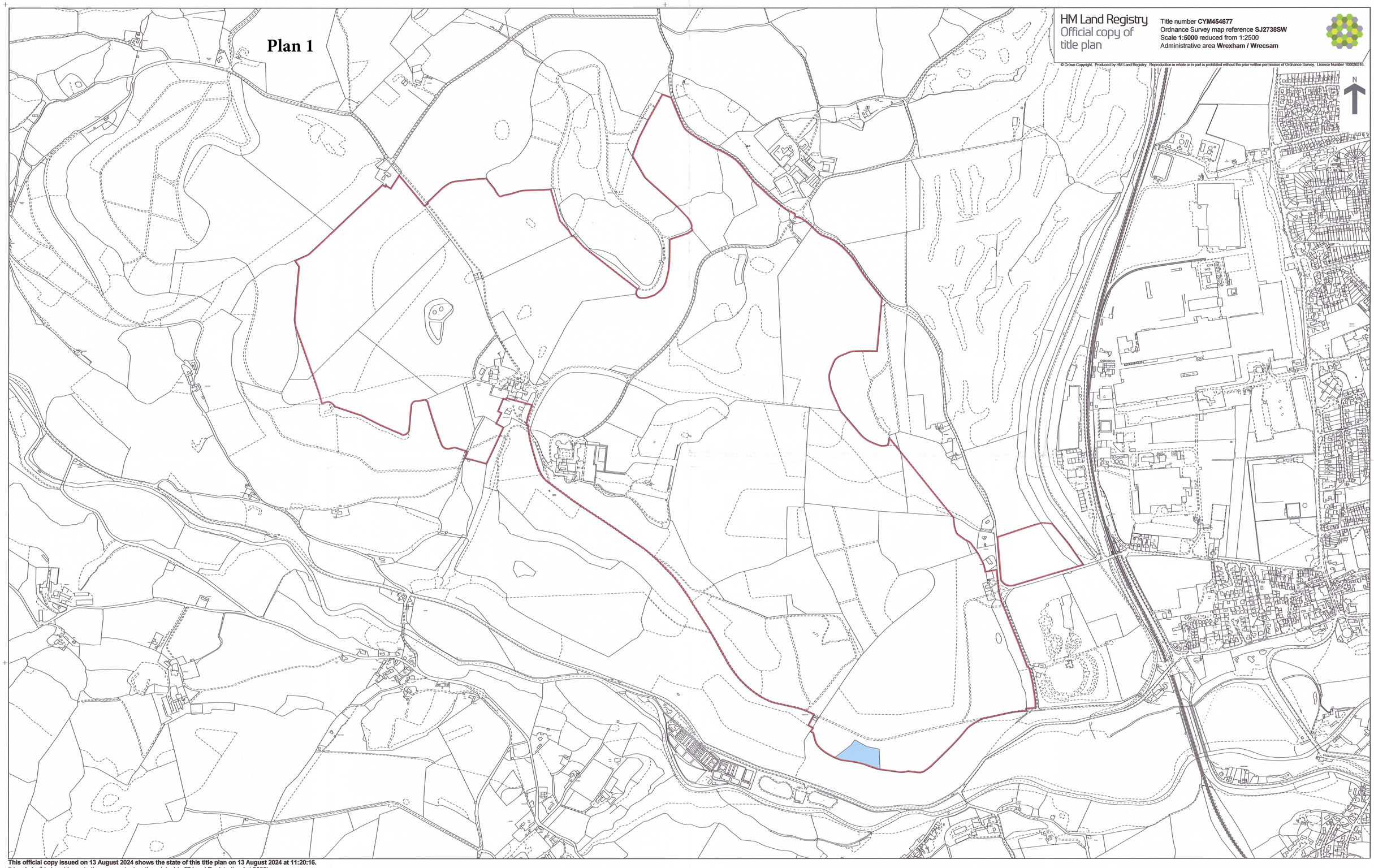
Plan 1

HM Land Registry
Official copy of title plan

Title number **CYM454677**
Ordnance Survey map reference **SJ2738SW**
Scale **1:5000** reduced from 1:2500
Administrative area **Wrexham / Wrecsam**

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Chirk Castle Car Park Location Plan

Site Boundary

0 25 50 100 Metres

Scale: 1:2,500 on A3
Map Centre: 326687E 338431N
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Plan 2

Boundary Stone
210.9m
202.1m
Track
Sheepfolds
197.6m
Pond
Jericho
Track
Car Park
189.9m
Collects
Collects
Offa's Dyke
Summerhouse
192.6m
Tabsons Cottage
Home Farm Cottages
Home Farm
House by the Duke
186.7m
Track
169.0m
Chirk Castle
Acorn Flat
Tower
Tower

Item 1

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[redacted]
Property Manager National Trust,
Chirk Castle,
Chirk,
Wrexham LL14 5AF

9th October 2007

Dear [redacted]

Grazing License Land
rented from the National Trust

I apologise for raising some more points which perhaps would have been better discussed at the last regular meeting between Myddelton family and the National Trust on Wednesday 3rd October.

1. Visitors Car Park adjacent to Home Farm
   I believe that the extension which gives extra space on busy days is to be given a permanent stock-proof fence on the two sides adjacent to the field edge (Middle Ley) but we would also ask for the side adjacent to the track leading to Tyn-y-Groes to be fenced as well so that the whole Car Park area is secure. This would allow stock to be moved from and to the Lower Golf (or Jericho) compartment without any animals when being moved on Castle opening days to stray amongst the public and the parked cars. This has sometimes happened and makes the whole operation a nightmare for the grazier and his dog.

2. Concessionary Walk from Llwyn-y-Cil to Chirk Castle.
   The route was originally marked with white painted stakes to show the direction but over the years some of these have disappeared. The result has been that some visitors get lost and wander all over the three fields through which the walk passes. Graziers have complained that if walkers have dogs these often run free and sometimes out of sight of their owners who are lost anyway. Because the white paint has faded on the posts which are still in place, please could fresh paint be applied to make them more visible and the intermediate posts which have disappeared be replaced so that walkers can always see the next post from the one they have just passed?

3. [redacted]

4. Your office asked for the mobile phone numbers of graziers with stock on National Trust land. These are as follows –

Area Grazed	Name of Grazier	Mobile Number
Baddys Park and Deer Park below the Ha-Ha	[redacted]	[redacted]
Jericho and old Golf Course	[redacted]	[redacted]
Middle Ley	[redacted]	[redacted]
Pheasantry	[redacted]	[redacted]

Yours sincerely,

[redacted]

D.F. Myddelton

Item 2

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Dyddiad/ Date Monday, 29 October 2007

Dear David

Thank you for your letter regarding the estate, sorry it has taken me a while to get back to you.

I am happy to provide a fence between the Middle Ley and overflow car park, and we will action this before Christmas to enable easier movement of the graziers stock.

The footpaths around the estate will be reviewed as part of our winter work program and missing/loose stakes replaced as necessary.

Thank you for the mobile numbers for the graziers, these will be kept in the main office for use only in emergency.

Yours sincerely

Emma Hegarty
Property Manager

Cc Emrys Evans, Area Manager
Ilan Jones, Senior Rural Surveyor

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