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

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 Interpretation & Programming Officer at Chirk Castle in May 2014, and from 2016 held the role of Visitor Operations & Experience Manager at Chirk Castle.

My current role is Growing Support Consultant with responsibility for supporting National Trust properties across Wales with membership, admissions, service and property fundraising and I have been in this role since 2022. I also had a year on secondment as General Manager for Chirk Castle and Erddig Hall in 2024.

The Trust acquired 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 at least 2014 as it was in common usage when I started working at Chirk Castle, used regularly during busy and peak days such as Easter weekend or the summer holidays. I also recall visiting Chirk Castle in 2011 before I worked for the National Trust and the car park and overflow car park were laid out and fenced as one contiguous area at that time. From records I have seen I believe that the overflow car park area was permanently fenced off from the surrounding fields in 2007.

To my knowledge the overflow car park is available for use every day of the year (except Christmas Day), although on quiet days it is not always utilised if there is space in the marked and car park area. However, with increasing visitor numbers the number of these quiet days is reducing, and the overflow area is used frequently and commonly as part of the main car park without distinction.

There is no payment collected from visitors for parking at present. Parking is free, payment is taken at the Welcome Building for visitors wanting to enter the pay for entry area which at present is primarily the castle and gardens.

During the time that I worked at Chirk Castle from 2014 to 2022, managing visitors using the car park was part of my role. Back in 2016 I recall making a parking plan for Chirk Castle showing how many cars could fit in the overflow parking area as a best methodology for maximising parking space.

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

Signature: ……

Date: …26/08/2025……

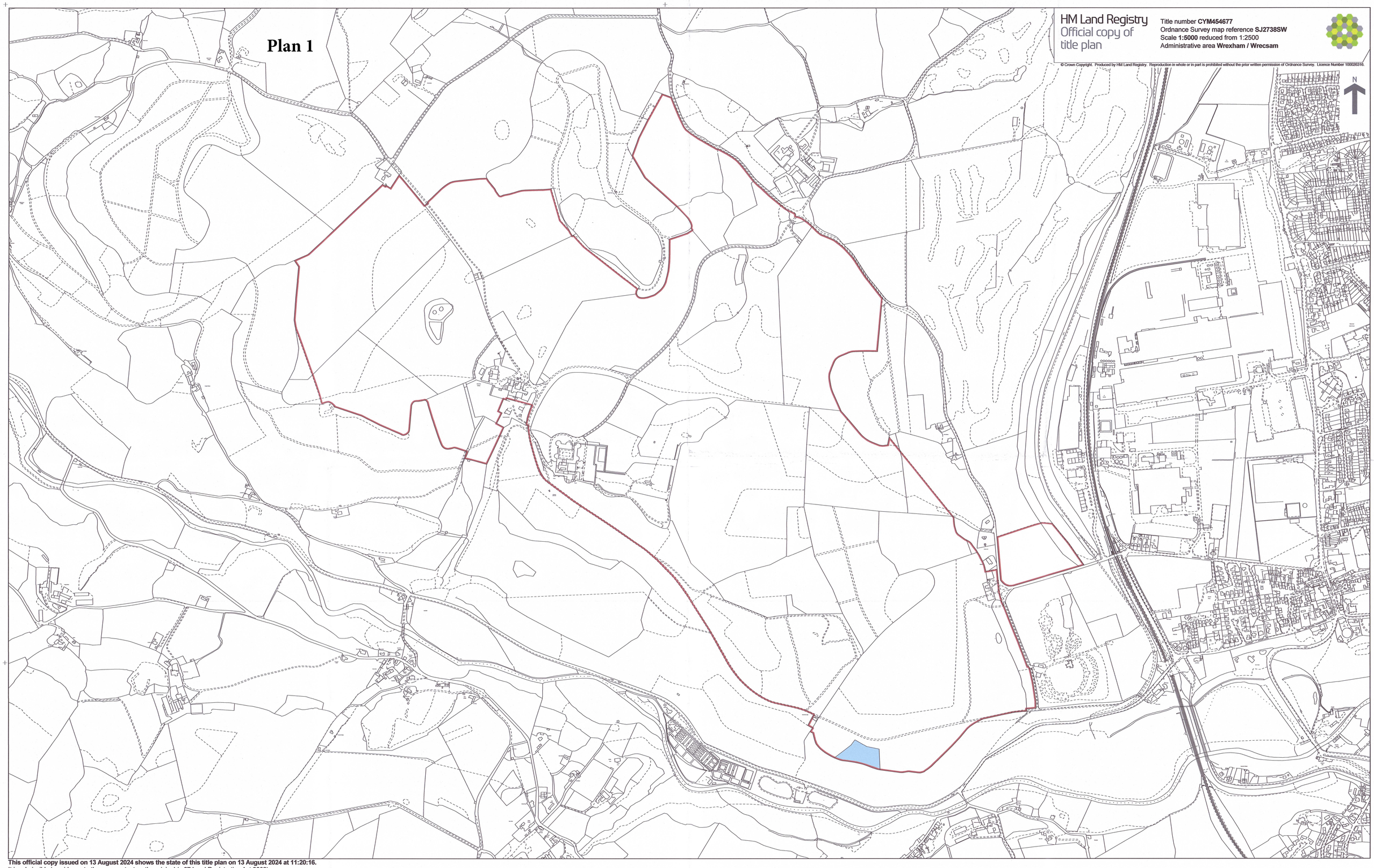
Plan 1

HM Land Registry
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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

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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