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RE: P/2025/0797. Bryn Eglwys, Castle Road, Chirk. *Listed building consent for conversion of dwelling into 2 dwellings, conversion of workshop to extension and alterations to existing vehicular access.*

Thank you for consulting us on the plans for Bryn Eglwys at Castle Road, Chirk, application number P/2025/0797. The remit of the Royal Commission permits us to comment only on the historical significance and context of a monument or structure and on the adequacy or otherwise of the record.

Located in the town of Chirk, Bryn Eglwys' origins likely dates to the late medieval period, where some surviving masonry in its cellars – which extend under adjoining properties – suggest the presence of an earlier hall and chapel that were recorded in 1391 as part of demesne buildings; these are believed to have been mostly destroyed during the campaigns of Owain Glyndwr in the early 15th century. Bryn Eglwys may have served as an inn in the 18th century and was extensively refaced in early 19th century which led to its character resembling more the Georgian architectural style which had by then gained influence among the local gentry and industrialists, and which it has maintained to this day.

Damage to the 1839 Tithe map 'Plan of the parish of Chirk in the County of Denbigh' prevents one seeing the building clearly, however Bryn Eglwys does appear on OS 25-inch First Edition (1870–75), along with its associated barn, the 'Coach House', which is the subject for this planning application. It is unclear when the outbuildings of Bryn Eglwys were constructed but their traces can be seen on the Tithe map of 1839.

The proposals seek to convert the former barn, in use as combined workshops and living space, into larger dwelling space. We welcome the measured drawings submitted as part of the application but would encourage a further photographic record of the existing Coach House to ensure a fuller record is made which notes the current layout of the building with its associated workshops and separate garage. In this instance, we would recommend a **Level 2 photographic record** is carried out prior to works commencing. This is detailed in section 5 (p.26) of Historic England's *Understanding Historic Buildings: A Guide to Good Recording Practice* (2016). Digital copies of the resulting survey photographs should then be deposited with the National Monuments Record of Wales in Aberystwyth. Photographs are to be TIFF formatted and 300dpi.

Yn gywir / Yours sincerely

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