Appendix B – Site Notice

Town and Country Planning (Development Management Procedure) (Wales) Order 2012

PUBLICITY AND CONSULTATION BEFORE APPLYING FOR PLANNING PERMISSION – NOTICE UNDER ARTICLES 2C AND 2D

Purpose of this notice: this notice provides the opportunity to comment directly to the developer regarding a proposal for major development made to Wrexham County Borough Council (WCBC).

Personal data will be collected from those who respond to the consultation. This is limited to names, addresses, email addresses and the comment(s) submitted. Comments will be submitted to WCBC along with the Pre-Application Consultation Report.

Proposed 132kV cables and two fibre cables between the existing Legacy to Oswestry 132kV overhead line and the consented Kronospan 132kV substation, Chirk, Wrexham

The proposal is made by Kronospan Limited. The proposals are currently subject to a four-week period of Pre-Application Consultation, starting with the publication of the website (19 November 2025) and running until 17 December 2025. During this consultation, Kronospan Limited is inviting the views and comments of the local community so that these can be considered in the preparation of the planning application. You may inspect copies of draft application material and other supporting information online at: https://www.axis.co.uk/single-consultation/kronospan-chirk/

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There will also be further opportunity to comment on the application once it has been formally submitted to WCBC. Updates relating to the proposals and application process will be published on the above website.

Gorchymyn Cynllunio Gwlad a Thref (Gweithdrefn Rheoli Datblygu) (Cymru) 2012

CYHOEDDUSRWYDD AC YMGYNGHORI CYN GWNEUD CAIS AM GANIATÂD CYNLLUNIO – HYSBYSIAD O DAN ERTHYGLAU 2C A 2D

Diben yr hysbysiad hwn: mae'r hysbysiad hwn yn rhoi cyfle i wneud sylwadau'n uniongyrchol i'r datblygwr ynglŷn â chynnig ar gyfer datblygiad mawr a wnaed i Gyngor Bwrdeistref Sirol Wrecsam (CBSW).

Bydd data personol yn cael ei gasglu gan y rhai sy'n ymateb i'r ymgynghoriad. Mae hyn wedi'i gyfyngu i enwau, cyfeiriadau, cyfeiriadau e-bost a'r sylwadau a gyflwynir. Bydd sylwadau yn cael eu cyflwyno i CBSW ynghyd â'r Adroddiad Ymgynghori Cyn Ymgeisio.

Ceblau 132kV arfaethedig a dau gebl ffibr rhwng y llinell uwchben 132kV bresennol o Legacy i Groesoswallt ac is-orsaf 132kV Kronospan sydd wedi cael caniatâd, Chirk, Wrecsam

Gwneir y cynnig gan Kronospan Limited. Ar hyn o bryd mae'r cynigion yn destun cyfnod o bedair wythnos o Ymgynghoriad Cyn Ymgeisio, gan ddechrau gyda chyhoeddi'r wefan (19 Tachwedd 2025) ac yn rhedeg tan 17 Rhagfyr 2025. Yn ystod yr ymgynghoriad hwn, mae Kronospan Limited yn gwahodd barn a sylwadau'r gymuned leol fel y gellir ystyried y rhain wrth baratoi'r cais cynllunio. Gallwch archwilio copïau o ddeunydd cais drafft a gwybodaeth ategol arall ar-lein yn: https://www.axis.co.uk/single-consultation/kronospan-chirk/

Gellir anfon unrhyw farn neu sylwadau sydd gennych drwy e-bost i enquiries@axis.co.uk neu drwy ddefnyddio'r ddolen ar y wefan uchod.

Bydd cyfle pellach hefyd i wneud sylwadau ar y cais ar ôl iddo gael ei gyflwyno'n ffurfiol i CBSW. Bydd diweddariadau sy'n ymwneud â'r cynigion a'r broses ymgeisio yn cael eu cyhoeddi ar y wefan uchod.

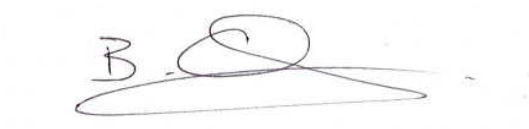
Appendix C – Declaration

KRONOSPAN, CHIRK

PLANNING APPLICATION FOR INSTALLATION OF TWO 132KV CIRCUITS AND TWO FIBRE CABLES BETWEEN THE EXISTING SCOTTISH POWER ENERGY NETWORKS (SPEN) LEGACY TO OSWESTRY 132KV OVERHEAD LINE AND THE KRONOSPAN 132KV SUBSTATION

I hereby declare that the notice referred to in article 2C(1)(a)(i) of The Town and Country Planning (Development Management Procedure) (Wales) (Amendment) Order 2016 was displayed in accordance with the requirements of that article (i.e. by site display in at least one place on or near the land to which the proposed application relates for not less than 28 days).

Signed on behalf of the Applicant:



B Clayton
Date: 30 January 2026

Appendix D – Letters of Notice for Owners and Occupiers

Our Ref: 5185-01/PAC

19 November 2025

[redacted]
Forge Farm
Pont y Blew
Chirk, Wrexham
LL14 5BH

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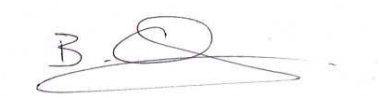
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Brynkinalt Home Farm
Brynkinalt
Chirk, Wrexham
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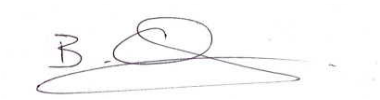
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Iain Hill-Trevor
The Estate Office
Brynkinalt
Chirk, Wrexham
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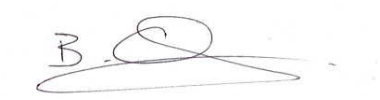
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Afon Bradley Farm
Black Park
Chirk, Wrexham
LL14 5AU

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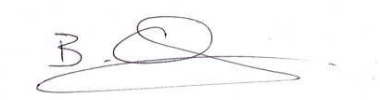
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Michael Fallowell
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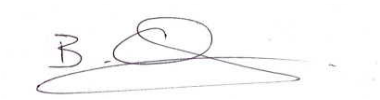
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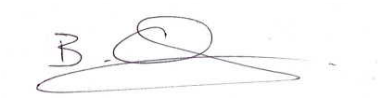
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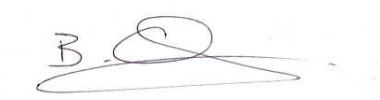
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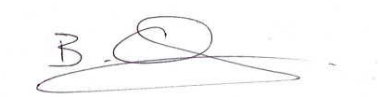
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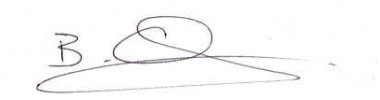
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The consultation period will run until 17 December. If you wish to respond to our consultation, please ensure to provide your comments by this date and to include all relevant contact details in your response. You can make comments via the link on the website or by emailing: enquiries@axis.co.uk

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Appendix F – Letters of Notice for Specialist Consultees

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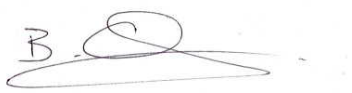
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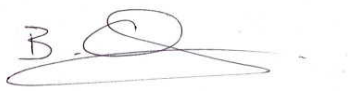
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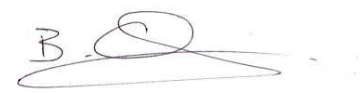
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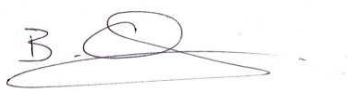
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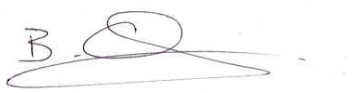
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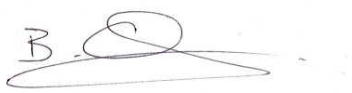
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Appendix G – Consultation and Applicant Responses

Ref	Consultee	Consultee Type	Comment / Response	Topic	Theme / Category	Applicant Response
1	Fire and Rescue Service	Specialist	Kronospan should consider the need to **provide adequate water supplies and vehicle access for firefighting purposes on the site** and general guidance on this matter is given in the attached Appendix and the following links: https://www.water.org.uk/guidance/national-guidance-document-on-the-provision-of-water-for-firefighting-3rd-edition-jan-2007/ https://www.ukfrs.com/index.php/promos/16847	Fire and Rescue	General	Noted
2	Fire and Rescue Service	Specialist	Furthermore, the applicant should be advised to contact the Local Authority Building Control Department, which is the responsible authority, when determining issues concerning **means of warning and escape, internal fire spread (linings and structure), external fire spread, access and facilities for the Fire and Rescue Service**, in accordance with the 2007 version of Approved Document B (Wales) for any buildings to be on site.	Fire and Rescue	Means of Escape	Noted
3	Charles and William Evans	Owner Occupier	We have no concerns around the general application, apart from the access disruption to our farm for vital business operation deliveries. Due to the poor local road network, we only have one access route for HGVs to the farm (Forge Farm). Due to the nature of the business, we require an HGV to collect our Milk on an every other day basis. It is potentially possible for rigid HGVs to come via another route; however, as of January 2026, we may be moving to articulated **HGV milk collections** as part of a new milk contract. **The proposed cable route is the only access possible for articulated HGVs. As far as I am aware, the trench width and work area won't allow for any access, especially for HGVs.** We have had discussions with Kronospan (Chris Emery) to date regarding this, and I am awaiting another meeting to discuss it further; however, I want to submit the comment as part of the official consultation period so it's on record. During our initial meeting, I did suggest an alternative route (across some of our fields) for the cable, which would bypass the access issues or at least make it manageable. Chris may have mentioned this to you, and as I understand, the road is still the preferred option from Scottish Power.	Highways	Access	Arrangements, including access constraints and mitigation measures, have been discussed and agreed in principle with the farm owner during a meeting held at Forge Farm 16 December 2025. Throughout the works, alternative access to the farm will be maintained via Rhyn Lane, which is suitable for non-articulated milk tankers and general farm traffic. Where access constraints affect essential agricultural operations, Kronospan will provide appropriate contractual and logistical support to ensure continuity of critical farm activities for the duration of the works.
4	Charles and William Evans	Owner Occupier	The section of road in question is noted under the Phase 2 development (sheet 5 in Highways TAN), but the project timeline doesn't note the expected Phase 2 timeframe (unless I have missed it).	Highways	HTN	A more detailed programme of works will be set out in the CTMP and communicated to local residents prior to works commencing
5	WCBC Conservation	Specialist	Thank you for consulting WCBC on the above proposed scheme. We have previously provided comments at pre-application stage and welcome the changes that have been made to address some of our previous concerns. Below is the position and comments of the Conservation Team on the most recent information: A comprehensive and detailed Heritage Impact Assessment (HIA) has been undertaken, covering a range of designated and non-designated heritage assets. These include the World Heritage Site, the Grade II* Registered Park and Garden (RPG), the Grade II* Listed Brynkinallt Hall, and the Grade II Telford Milestone, among others. Regarding the milestone, the HIA confirms that it will not be physically affected by the proposed works, though the works will take place immediately adjacent. The HIA recommends safeguarding measures, such as signage and a toolbox talk to highlight the heritage value of the structure. We respectfully request that these measures are implemented. Following concerns raised at pre-application stage, the proposal has been amended to avoid interaction with the curtilage-listed tunnel between Brynkinallt Hall and the Walled Garden. Horizontal Directional Drilling will now be used to tunnel beneath the structures rather than excavating through them. The drilling pits will be located within the highway rather than the parkland (albeit within the RPG). Cables will then be run through the tunnel, ensuring the built heritage is preserved in situ. This amendment is welcomed and supported, as is the proposal to introduce signage and toolbox talks to reinforce awareness of heritage values. The HIA also notes potential minor adverse impacts on the woodland copse within the RPG and the managed hedgerow surrounding it. While this represents a worst-case scenario, the scheme has been designed to minimise risk to these features. Should removal of trees or hedgerow sections prove necessary, replanting is proposed to mitigate the impact over time as the new planting matures. Overall, the assessment has informed a sensitive scheme design and identified areas where additional precautions are appropriate. We welcome the amendments to tunnel beneath the sensitive stretch between Brynkinallt Hall and the Walled Garden. We have no further comments at this stage, but should any changes be made, we request that we are formally reconsulted.	Historic Environment	General	Noted
6	WCBC (Env&Tech - Highways)	Specialist & Owner/Occupier	The submitted details have been reviewed by our Traffic Section and are considered acceptable in principle. Any future planning application will need to include a condition for the following:-	Highways	General	N/A
7	WCBC (Env&Tech - Highways)	Specialist & Owner/Occupier	If an application for the development is supported, the LHA recommend any permission includes a condition for the submission of a detailed **Construction Traffic Management Plan** including provisions for contractor parking for approval prior to commencement. The LHA recommend that the applicant liaises with the WCBC Traffic Team Leader - Jamie Edge (contact: jamie.edge@wrexham.gov.uk) to discuss / agree any specific details that will need to be included in a CTMP.	Highways	CTMP	Noted and accepted
8	WCBC (Env&Tech - Highways)	Specialist & Owner/Occupier	In addition, the applicant will need to liaise with our Contracts & Engineering Manager & Traffic Team Leader to discuss / agree the following:- The LHA recommends that the applicant contacts our Contracts & Engineering Manager & Traffic Team Leader to discuss / agree whether a **condition survey** of sections of the existing highway (before works commence / upon completion) will be needed requiring the applicant to fund any repairs / damage to the highway infrastructure that may occur as a result of the works.	Highways	Condition Survey	Noted and accepted
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10	Cadw	Specialist	Having carefully considered the information provided, we have no objection to the proposed development in regard to the **scheduled monuments or registered historic parks and gardens** listed in our assessment of the application below.	Historic Environment	General	Noted
11	Cadw	Specialist	The application will be accompanied by a **Historic Environment Desk-Based Assessment (HEDBA)** produced by Heritage Archaeology. This has considered the impact of the proposed development on the settings of scheduled monument DE175 Pontcysyllte Aqueduct and Canal and the Pontcysyllte Aqueduct and Canal World Heritage Site. It has concluded that it will have no impact on the setting of scheduled monument DE175 or the outstanding universal value of the World Heritage Site. We concur with this conclusion.	Historic Environment	HEDBA	Noted
12	Cadw	Specialist	The proposed development will have a direct impact on the **grade II* registered Brynkinalt historic park and garden**. Brynkinalt is registered for its historic interest as a large, picturesque landscape park, laid out in the nineteenth-century and providing the setting to the house and its gardens. The grounds incorporate an unusual tunnel to the kitchen garden. Brynkinalt also has historical associations with the Trevor family. The assessment explains that the proposed development includes two Horizontal Directional Drills (HDD) at Brynkinalt, one to take the cables below the A5 and the other to avoid any direct impacts to the walled kitchen garden tunnel. The compound and pit locations required for the HDD are located to the west and east of the A5. To the west, the compound and pits will be in the layby on Colliery Road. There will be a short term, temporary impact during the construction period which will be fully reversed following reinstatement of the site. To the east, the compound and pit is on agricultural land with good parkland character and adjacent woodland. The cable route is close to the woodland; no tree removal is proposed. The Arboricultural Impact Assessment recommends Arboricultural mitigation measures and notes the potential requirement to remove two sycamores. If replacement planting is required, species choice must reflect the historic character of the parkland. The assessment predicts a temporary minor adverse effect as a result of the HDD pit to the east of the A5. The HDD pits for the kitchen garden tunnel crossing will be within the existing highway. The tunnel and the stone wall on the north side of the road will not be impacted by the proposal. The HEDBA recommends additional safeguarding measures, including signage and a toolbox talk, to explain the heritage values of the roadside wall and tunnel to ensure avoidance of physical impacts to these important features of the park. We concur with these recommendations and conclusions.	Historic Environment	Brynkinalt RPG	Noted
13	Cadw	Specialist	Finally, there may also be **undesignated historic assets** that could be affected by the proposed development and, if you have not already done so, we would advise that you consult the **Historic Environment Record** held by Heneb: the Welsh ArchaeologyTrust www.heneb.co.uk	Historic Environment	Undesignated Historic Assets	The Heneb HER has been consulted and is set out in the Historic Environment Assessment Report.
14	C1	Community	We live at Hillside, Pontyblew which is directly on the proposed route for the electricity cables. Obviously once the cables are installed this will have negligible impact on us. However, we understand that during the installation of the cables there will be **considerable impact on the access to our property, both between our property and Forge Farm, and for a longer period between Forge Farm and Chirk**. We undertake activities in Chirk often several times a day, and so given the length of time that the lack of access will occur this is a considerable issue for us. Whilst there are other routes out of the valley, one of these is virtually impassable for normal vehicles, and the others involve considerable detours and will struggle to cope with the increased traffic that will ensue. There will be considerable disruption to our daily activities. Unless something can be done to mitigate this for ourselves and others living in Pontyblew, we feel there should be some compensation for the disruption. For instance would it be possible to install fibre into the valley and the properties at the same time?	Highways	Access	<u>General Approach to Enable Residential Access and Egresss</u> Below is high-level information setting out how access and egress for local residents would be enable during the proposed works as well as more specific arranagements for the proposed HDD works at the culvert (SED 7). Detailed information will be set out in the separate Section 50 application(s) under the New Roads and Street Works Act 1991 to obtain the relevant permissions to undertake works in the publicv highway. Where residential access is required, a coordinated engagement process will be undertaken with affected homeowners to agree suitable times and methods for maintaining safe access throughout the works. Temporary access solutions such as certified steel road plates will be deployed to ensure stability and compliance with site safety standards. Where operationally feasible, entrances will be constructed in half and-half phased approach to facilitate continuous access while trenching activities are undertaken. Where the construction of HDD drill pits requires full road closures on either side of the culvert (at SED 7), a temporary access track will be established within the adjacent field. This temporary route will be tied into the designated diversion and constructed to an appropriate specification to maintain safe and continuous access for the two affected properties. As the HDD is beneath the carriageway, the section of road located between the two drill pits will remain operational. This arrangement ensures that the two adjacent properties retain uninterrupted vehicular access throughout the drilling works. During the closure of the southern section of the road, installation of the duct will be undertaken concurrently to optimise programme efficiency and minimise disruption. Following completion of both the duct and drilling works on the southern side, the traffic management layout will be reconfigured to close the north section. Subsequent duct installation works will then be completed under this revised closure, while property access is maintained from the southern end via the reopened section of carriageway.
15	C2	Community	I am concerned at what **implication it will have on the roads and lanes around Pont Y Blew**. The work that went on around October time 2025 caused a lot of delays / road closures and divertions. I would like to be assured that this will be considered and minimised.	Highways	Access	
16	C3	Community	We live at LL14 5BH right next to the red line on your map. **Worried about the access coming and going**. You last worked on this in October and we were not allowed access most the time. no road sign until you were litrely on our road and then not able to get through. Not kept informed about length of time etc. ignorned by the work force. I am a nurse working shift and need access at 06.30 12.30 returning 1600 2200. Then we have the school run at 0815 and 14.30. returning 0910 and 1600. We also have my elderly father living with us who has various hospital treatment.	Highways	Access	
17	NRW	Specialist	The planning application proposes less vulnerable development Installation of two 132kV cables and two fibre cables in addition to temporary construction compounds. The Flood Map for Planning identifies part of the application site to be at risk of flooding within Flood Zone 3 (Rivers Sea). The area shown to be at risk of flooding is the existing farmyard at Afon Bradley Farm, which is shown on the drawing "Main Construction Compound 1 – Afon Bradley Farm, Appendix K" to be used as a construction compound area for the proposal. Therefore, there is already a low vulnerability use associated with the proposed compound area. We advise that **clarification on the proposed scope of usage for this compound area is submitted** in support of a full application to include type of materials, machinery and facilities to be stored at this proposed compound. We consider the proposals could be acceptable, subject to the developer being made aware of the potential flood risks and consequences. We would also expect the developer to take the opportunity to incorporate flood resilient design where feasible, in relation to this compound area.	Flood Risk	Compound	Subject to the availability and suitability of space within the other identified compounds and laydown areas, the proposed compound at Afon Bradley Farm would be used for the storage of ducts and other materials that are not susceptible to damage from heavy rainfall or flooding. An assessment would be undertaken to identify the most appropriate storage locations, considering flood risk zones and ground conditions to minimise disruption, prevent damage to stored materials and avoid any potential environmental impact (such as a diesel bowser in a flood risk area). The Framework CEMP has been udpated to inlcude reference to the above.
18	NRW	Specialist	We have concerns about the above proposal and advise that **further information is submitted in support of the application to assess the impacts of the proposal on bats**, as European Protected Species. Bats and their breeding and resting places are protected under the Conservation of Habitats and Species Regulations 2017 (as amended). We have reviewed the following information submitted in support of the application: • Ecological Impact Assessment Report, reference: P_Ax_04_EcIA_Rev02, dated November 2025, Ecology Consulting We note that the submitted report has identified that bats may be present at the application site. However, section 3.3.3 of the report states that further survey work is required as a precaution, advising that "two hibernation surveys will be undertaken on suitable trees/features between December 2025 and January 2026", we concur with this approach. We advise that the additional survey work recommended in the report is undertaken and results submitted in support of a formal application to the Local Planning Authority. Surveys should be undertaken in accordance with published best practice. If evidence of bat use is found, suitable avoidance, mitigation or compensation measures should also be provided as appropriate to the species and their use of the site. Based on the application, as submitted, we would be unable to provide the Local Planning Authority with any assurance that the proposal would not be likely to be detrimental to the maintenance of the population of the species concerned at a favourable conservation status in its natural range.	Biodiversity	Bats	All bat surveys (including the winter surveys) are now complete with the results included in the Ecological Impact Assessment (EcIA). No bat roosts were identified. Any trees with PRF-I potential to support bats which require felling will be soft-felled under a precautionary working method statement under the supervision of a licenced ecologist.
19	NRW	Specialist	The application is located within 15m from the River Dee and Bala Lake Special Area of Conservation (SAC). We have concerns that a likely significant effect from the proposed development on the SAC cannot be ruled out. We advise that further information is required to adequately consider the potential impacts on the features of protected sites and in particular to enable your Authority to carry out a Habitats Regulations Assessment under Regulation 63 of The Conservation of Habitats and Species Regulations 2017 (as amended). - **Otter** The Ecological Impact Assessment Report has not included any assessment of potential impacts on otter, which are a feature of the River Dee and Bala Lake SAC. Given that some of the working areas are in close proximity to the SAC, we advise that further information regarding otters should be submitted in support of a formal application to the Local Planning Authority.	Biodiversity	SAC - Otter	An otter survey was undertaken in January 2026 with the results included in the EcIA. The survey did not identify any otter holts or lying up areas although features which could be used as holts are present on the western embankment in the form of partially washed out and decayed tree roots. Otter footprints were found on the exposed mudbanks on the western/northern side of the river. A pre-construction otter survey will be undertaken to ensure there are no otter holts or couches on sections of watercourse within 50m of the works. Mitigation (exclusion zones if required, means of escape from excavations, lighting design) is set out in the Framework CEMP. If an active otter holt or lying up area is identified, a suitable exclusion zone will be clearly demarcated, at the discretion of the on-site Ecological Clerk of Works (EcoW) (50m for breeding holts and 30m for non-breeding holts or active otter couches). Guidance will then be sought from the ECoW on how to proceed with works in the affected area and on the requirement to obtain a development derogation licence.

Ref	Consultee	Consultee Type	Comment / Response	Topic	Theme / Category	Applicant Response
20	NRW	Specialist	We also note that section 2.6 of the Construction Environmental Management Plan (**CEMP**) includes information regarding lighting proposals during the construction phase. We advise that insufficient information has been provided in relation to **potential impacts on wildlife, in particular otters in relation to construction activities and lighting impacts.** In addition to an assessment regarding otter activity, we advise that the CEMP should be updated to include measures to mitigate potential impacts on otters.	CEMP	Biodiversity Measures	The Framework CEMP has been updated to include appropriate otter mitigation following completion of the otter survey in January 2026. See Ref. 19 above for summary of otter survey results and mitigation.
21	NRW	Specialist	We nte that the Ecological Impact Assessment Report and **CEMP** have identified avoidance and mitigation measures for **surface water run off / pollution control** and refer to standard good practice measures. We concur with this approach and based on the current information have no further comment in relation to pollution prevention.	Pollution Prevention	Pollution Prevention	Noted
22	NRW	Specialist	As the competent authority under the Conservation of Habitats and Species Regulations 2017 (as amended), the Local Planning Authority must, before deciding to give consent for a project which is **likely to have a significant effect on a SAC**, either alone or in combination with other plans or projects, make an appropriate assessment of the implications of the project for that site in view of its conservation objectives. The Local Planning Authority must for the purposes of the assessment consult NRW and have regard to any representations we make within such reasonable time as you specify. In the absence of that assessment, NRW cannot advise that the proposals would not result in an adverse effect upon the SAC site.	Biodiversity	SAC	A separate report has been produced entitled 'Information to Inform a Habitats Regulations Assessment' (Shadow HRA). The report concludes that the Proposed Development would have no adverse effect on the integrity of the River Dee and Lake Bala SAC, when considered in light of the conservation objectives for the site, either alone or in-combination with other projects.
23	NRW	Specialist	We have considered the information submitted in support of the above application. Based on the information submitted, we consider that the proposed development is **not likely to damage the features for which Chirk Castle and Parkland SSSI is of special interest**.	Biodiversity	Chirk Castle SSSI	Noted
24	NRW	Specialist	We note that the Ground Investigation report (Ian Farmer Associates, reference 2231512 dated September 2025) is primarily a geotechnical report and is not focused on the identification of potential contamination and related risks with only a small number of investigation borings / boreholes used across the application site. As the proposed cable installations are on land owned by third parties, including Wrexham County Borough Council (WCBC), proposed to be installed at shallow depths above groundwater (based on current evidence), and for the most part along existing roads, we would not expect the ground investigation to focus on identifying subsurface contamination unless there was specific evidence for existing contamination. The **proposals for monitoring groundworks, including drilling, and pollution prevention and response to potential pollution incidents** are appropriate. This information is provided in several documents, and summarised in the **CEMP**.	Pollution Prevention	Pollution Prevention	Noted
25	NRW	Specialist	Our comments concern the development's potential impacts on the landscape character and visual amenity of the **Clwydian Range and Dee Valley National Landscape (CRDV NL) and the proposed Glyndŵr National Park (NP)** and the statutory purpose to conserve and enhance natural beauty. Our advice below in relation to the proposed Landscape and Visual Impact Assessment (LVIA) approach and scope within Scoping Report pertains solely to our remit on National Landscape (NL) designations. The CRDVNL and Glyndŵr NP follow largely the same boundary within the vicinity of the proposed development with a slight protrusion of the proposed Glyndŵr NP designation area to the southwest of the proposed development. The Proposed development is located approx. 400m from the CRDV NL and the proposed Glyndwr NP. Considering the type of development of largely underground cabling and associated infrastructure located outside of the NL designations within a built-up developed context of urban areas and roads **no significant effects on the NL are likely**.	Landscape	Landscape	Noted
26	NRW	Specialist	Additionally, we note in section 3.2.3 of the Kronospan Landscape and Visual Appraisal (November 2025) submitted as part of the application, that the Clwydian Range and Dee Valley AONB Partnership confirmed that there was no requirement to consider effects upon the CRDV NL, and conclude the same. However, given its proximity to the NL we would provide the following general advice: • 1 **Minimisation of tree/hedgerow vegetation removal** required to enable the works and protection of retained areas as part of the arboriculture method statement • 2 Provision of **vegetative screening (trees) of above ground elements** where possible • 3 Implementation of **replacement planting where possible at a minimum of 3:1 new: removed trees** • 4 **Tree/shrub/hedgerow planting to be of local suitability** to retain/enhance the existing vegetative character	Landscape	Vegetation Removal and Planting	1 Tree and hedgerow clearance will be minimised throughout. The Framework CEMP has been updated to state that the cable working corridor will be reduced in width, wherever practicable, when crossing hegerows to minimise loss. The Arboricultural Method Statement is appended to the Framework CEMP. 2 The planting of trees to act as screening for the cable sealing end (CSE) platforms (which would be the transition points from underground cable to connection to the existing 132kV overhead line) is not considered to be a suitable mitigation measure. This is because: - The CSE platforms would be similar in form and function, and viewed in the context of the existing 132kV pylons immediately adjacent; there would be no notable change to the landscape or visual baseline and effects are predicted to be no greater than negligible. - Both (connection) pylons are in largely open fields with Pylon MK88 immeidately adjecent an existing post and wire fence and Pylon MK85 close to low level (and regularly trimmed) hedgerow. The planting of trees at these locations would appear incongruous and would be out of keeping with the immediate locality. - Maintenance access would be required to the existing pylons and the proposed CSE platforms which would likely be compromised by the planting of trees. Trees would then have the potential to accommodate bat roosts once trees are more mature which have the potential to create disturbance/licencing issues for future maintenance. 3 This is accepted and set out in the Framework CEMP. 4 This is accepted and set out in the EcIA and the Framework CEMP.
27	Welsh Government Highways	Specialist	As the proposed works will require access to and excavations under the trunk road at the identified locations, the **relevant licences will need to be applied for and obtained via NMWTRA's Streetworks Team** as per the requirement of the New Roads and Street Works Act (NRSWA).	Highways	NRSWA	Noted
28	Welsh Government Highways	Specialist	It is noted that the applicant has provided layout plans detailing the line and depth of the proposed apparatus. **Should the works be subject to any change**, the Welsh Government request that they be reconsulted accordingly. The locations of any associated access pits, the exact extents of the trenchless construction compounds and details of the proposed access routes to the compounds from the existing highway network shall also be provided.	Highways	Design Change	Noted
29	Welsh Government Highways	Specialist	The applicant will be required to undertake a **suitably scaled survey to identify the line, depth and nature of all in-situ services** within the trunk road boundary where it is proposed that the pipeline will cross the trunk road.	Highways	Services Survey	Noted
30	Welsh Government Highways	Specialist	Prior to the commencement of any works on site, where Horizontal Directional Drilling (HDD) is proposed under the Strategic Road Network (SRN), the applicant will be required to complete and submit to the Welsh Government for review, **screening in accordance with CD 622 (Managing Geotechnical Risk) of the Design Manual for Roads and Bridges (DMRB).** Please see the attached screening form.	Highways	Geotechnical Screening	Noted
31	Welsh Government Highways	Specialist	Prior to the commencement of any works on site, the applicant will be required to complete and submit to the Welsh Government for review **screening in accordance with Cl.2.21 and W/1.1 of CG300 (Generic Assessment Technical Approval Schedule (TAS)) of the DMRB** at each location where the proposed infrastructure crosses the SRN.	Highways	Generic Assessment Technical Approval Schedule	Noted
32	Welsh Government Highways	Specialist	The applicant will be required to submit to the Welsh Government for review and approval a **Construction Traffic Management Plan (CTMP)** that shall also include details of any Abnormal Indivisible Load (AIL) movements along the trunk road network associated with the works. Where any accommodation works are required on the trunk road network to facilitate the transportation of any such components, the applicant will be required to supply DMRB-compliant works drawings, with any departures from standards identified and submitted to the Welsh Government for review.	Highways	CTMP	Noted
33	Welsh Government Highways	Specialist	The applicant is advised to liaise with **NMWTRA's Streetworks Team to determine the costs associated with all necessary licences and permits**. Please contact NMWTRA directly on NMWTRA street works and abnormal loads	Traffic Wales to discuss current costs, application guidance and to determine programming of the activities to fit in with other scheduled road works and traffic management embargo periods in the area	Highways	Streetworks Licences	Noted
34	Welsh Government Highways	Specialist	The applicant should be advised that suitable provision should be in place for **regular surveys of the proposed crossing at the carriageway surface level for an extended period of time**. Should any carriageway settlement or other issues be detected, the applicant will be required to have a contingency plan in place to deal with them expediently.	Highways	Carriageway Surface Surveys	Noted
35	Welsh Government Highways	Specialist	Finally, it is noted that a section of the route runs along the B5070. The applicant should be advised that any **works on the B5070 should not compromise its use as a tactical diversion route for the A5 at this location.**	Highways	B5070 Diversion Route	Noted
36	Cllr Terry Evans	Specialist	My main concern is access during the works. Halton Farm is located on a single-track road, and Forge Farm is accessed via a similar route 1/2 mile away. Both farms have daily milk tanker collections, which are essential to their ongoing operations. Could you please explain how access for these vehicles will be accommodated while the cabling works are being carried out by the contractors, and what measures will be put in place to ensure there is no disruption to farm operations?	Highways	Access	See Ref. 3 above for response regarding Forge Farm. At Halton Farm, the highway is wider (than at Forge Farm) and there is a single fibre cable proposed to be installed (as opposed to 2 x 132kV single circuits and 1 x fibre cable at Forge Farm). There is also no HDD works proposed along the fibre cable route to the north. As such, the working area for the fibre cable route is significantly narrower, enabling traffic management procedures to be implemented that will enable access. The Applicant is scheduled to discuss farm business operations and traffic management measures in mid-February 2026. See also Ref. 14 - 16 above for outline details of traffic management approach and access.