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Sent: 26 February 2026 07:42
To: Philip Mullineux; planning
Subject: FAO: Phil Mullineux RE: P/2026/0054 - The installation of two 132kV circuits at Kronospan, Chirk
Attachments: Heneb Clwyd-Powys January 2026 Registered Contractors.pdf; Heneb Clwyd-Powys January 2026 - AMaR.pdf

Good morning, Phil,

Regarding the planning application referenced above.

Information held within the Regional Historic Environment Record indicates that the proposed works are in an area of archaeological potential. This is noted in the Heritage Assessment provided in the documents for the application.

Notably: -

a. HDD access pits
b. Tunnel to kitchen garden at Brynkinalt registered park and garden
c. The Cable route at the eastern side, near the former grange and manor associated with Valle Crucis abbey
d. Cable trenching within the Medieval Core of Chirk
e. In the area of the postulated Roman Road linking Rhyn Park and Rhug
f. Trenching at Holyhead Road, Colliery Road and the western end of Old Black Park Road

(Full information in the Historic Environment Assessment (HEA) - Mitigation (6.2))

In this case we recommend that these groundworks are completed with a qualified archaeologist present due to the high potential for sub-surface archaeology. This is in accordance with the Planning Policy Wales (Feb 2024) and TAN 24 (May 2017) guidance, and an appropriate condition is supplied below along with guidance notes for the applicant on how to commission archaeological works.

The monitoring should be completed by an archaeologist who is part of a recognised professional archaeological organisation working to the Standard and Guidance of the Chartered Institute for Archaeologists (CIFA) relating to Archaeological Monitoring and Recording. The archaeologist should be working in accordance with an approved project design/written scheme of investigation (WSI) and should preferably be part of a Registered Archaeological Organisation with CIFA accreditation.

Further mitigation is suggested as detailed in the Conclusion of the HEA (7. 7 & 8), where a suitably written 'Toolbox Talk' should ensure that the grade II listed Thomas Telford milestone (LB21), and the Brynkinalt tunnel and wall (Curtilage Listed), are not impacted by any ancillary activities outside of the construction area.

The condition in this case would be:

Archaeological Monitoring and Recording (Formerly Watching Brief)

Suggested planning condition to facilitate an archaeological watching brief.

The developer shall ensure that a suitably qualified archaeological contractor is present during the undertaking of the groundworks so that a scheme of archaeological monitoring and recording can be conducted. The archaeological monitoring and recording must meet the standards laid down by the

relevant Chartered Institute for Archaeologists Standard and Guidance and will be completed in accordance with a written scheme of investigation, which has been approved in advance by the Planning Authority.

A copy of the resulting report should be submitted to the Planning Authority and the Planning Archaeologist, Heneb: Clwyd Powys Archaeology (The Offices, Coed y Dinas, Welshpool, Powys, SY21 8RP). After approval by the Planning Authority project data must be submitted and approved for inclusion in the Heneb: Clwyd Powys Archaeology Historic Environment Record. The full digital archive must also be submitted and approved for inclusion within the National Monuments Record, RCAHMW.

Reason: To secure preservation by record of any archaeological remains which may be revealed during the consented development.

I have attached documents for an Archaeological Monitoring and Recording, and guidance on sources of archaeological contractors who may wish to tender for this work.

The chosen archaeological contractor will need to submit a project design/written scheme of investigation (WSI) document to me for approval before they can commence works on site. Please contact me again if you wish to discuss this advice or require more information.

Kind regards,

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