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Dear Sir/Madam

**Planning Application – Discharge of conditions 6 (validation report), 11 (scheme of historic environment mitigation) and 14 (biodiversity) of planning permission P/2023/0674 at Brymbo Iron and Steel Works, New High Street, Brymbo, Wrexham,**

Thank you for your letter inviting our comments on the information submitted for the above planning application.

Advice

This response is based on the advice provided by Cadw's Senior Historic Environment Planning Officer.

Having carefully considered the information provided, we have no objection to the proposed development in regards to the scheduled monuments or registered historic parks and gardens listed in our assessment of the application below.

The national policy and Cadw's role in planning are set out an Annex A.

Assessment

**DE202 Brymbo Ironworks: Early Blast Furnace, Cast House & Foundry**

Cadw do not have the competence to comment of conditions 6 and 14 and so will not provide advice in regard to these conditions.

The documentation submitted to discharge condition 11 includes four documents which were required to meet condition 3 requiring programmes of building recording and analysis and these have previously been agreed. The remaining documents Historical Background and the Written Scheme of Investigation for Archaeological Monitoring and Recording During Groundworks are appropriate to meet condition 11 but advice on these documents should be provided by Heneb: The Trust for Welsh Archaeology in their role as archaeological advisors to Wrexham CBC: However, it should be noted that Written Scheme of Investigation includes some works that will be carried out inside scheduled monument DE202 Brymbo Ironworks: Early Blast

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Furnace, Cast House & Foundry. It is therefore necessary for the applicant to ensure that any works inside the designated area has valid scheduled monument consent before they commence.

Yours sincerely

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# Annex A

Our role

Our statutory role in the planning process is to provide the local planning authority with an assessment concerned with the likely impact that the proposal will have on scheduled monuments, registered historic parks and gardens, registered historic landscapes where an Environmental Impact Assessment is required and development likely to have an impact on the outstanding universal value of a World Heritage Site. We do not provide an assessment of the likely impact of the development on listed buildings or conservation areas, as these are matters for the local authority.

It is for the local planning authority to weigh our assessment against all the other material considerations in determining whether to approve planning permission.

National Policy

Applications for planning permission are considered in light of the Welsh Government's land use planning policy and guidance contained in Planning Policy Wales (PPW), Technical Advice Notes and related guidance.

PPWgov.wales/sites/default/files/publications/2024-07/planning-policy-wales-edition-12.pdfexplains that it is important that the planning system looks to protect, conserve and enhance the significance of historic assets. This will include consideration of the setting of an historic asset which might extend beyond its curtilage. Any change that impacts on an historic asset or its setting should be managed in a sensitive and sustainable way.

The conservation of archaeological remains and their settings is a material consideration in determining a planning application, whether those remains are a scheduled monument or not. Where nationally important archaeological remains are likely to be affected by proposed development, there should be a presumption in favour of their physical protection in situ. It will only be in exceptional circumstances that planning permission will be granted if development would result in a direct adverse impact on a scheduled monument (or an archaeological site shown to be of national importance)

Technical advice note (TAN) 24: the historic environment | GOV.WALES elaborates by explaining that when considering development proposals that affect scheduled monuments or other nationally important archaeological remains, there should be a presumption in favour of their physical preservation in situ, i.e. a presumption against proposals which would involve significant alteration or cause damage, or would have a significant adverse impact causing harm within the setting of the remains.

Historic Parks and Gardens

PPW also explains that local authorities should value, protect, conserve and enhance the special interests of parks and gardens and their settings included on the register of historic parks and gardens in Wales and that the effect of a proposed development on a registered park or garden or its setting should be a material consideration in the determination of a planning application.