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Dear Mr. Robinson,

Planning Application – Proposed construction of a new highway (called Northern Access Road) with footways and a cycleway, new junctions, lighting, signs, fencing, flood alleviation works, acoustic barriers and other environmental mitigation measures, landscaping, demolition of garage at Rose Cottage and all associated engineering and building operations, Land East of B4265 between Boverton and Eglwys Brewis, St Athan

Thank you for your e-mail of 16 June 2017 inviting our comments on the information submitted for the above planning application.

Advice

Having carefully considered the information provided with this planning application, we consider there to be a slight, but not significant, impact. We therefore have no objections to the impact of the proposed development on Bedford Castle (GM113). Our assessment of the application is given below.

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.

Mae'r Gwasanaeth Amgylchedd Hanesyddol Llywodraeth Cymru (Cadw) yn hyrwyddo gwaith cadwraeth ar gyfer amgylchedd hanesyddol Cymru a gwerthfawrogiad ohono.

The Welsh Government Historic Environment Service (Cadw) promotes the conservation and appreciation of Wales's historic environment.

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We welcome correspondence in both English and Welsh.



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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 circular guidance.

PPW (Chapter 6 – The Historic Environment) explains that the conservation of archaeological remains is a material consideration in determining a planning application, whether those remains are a scheduled monument or not. Where nationally important archaeological remains, whether scheduled or not, and their settings 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 an adverse impact on a scheduled monument (or an archaeological site shown to be of national importance) or has a significantly damaging effect upon its setting. Technical Advice Note 24: The Historic Environment 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.

PPW also explains that local authorities should protect parks and gardens and their settings included in the first part of the Register of Landscapes, Parks and Gardens of Special Historic Interest 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.

Assessment

The documentation which is proposed to be submitted with the application includes an archaeological desk-based assessment prepared by AECOM which has concluded that the proposed road will not have any impact on the significance of Bedford Castle. This assessment of the impact of the proposed road was carried out using the methodology laid out in the Design Manual for Roads and Bridges and not the recently issued Welsh Government guidance contained in "Setting of Historic Assets". An assessment using that methodology would have identified that the development will cause slight damage to the setting of the scheduled monument but this would not be significant due to the intervening extant vegetation.

Yours sincerely

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