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**DE246** 

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Dear

## **ANCIENT MONUMENTS AND ARCHAEOLOGICAL AREAS ACT 1979 SECTION 2 AND SCHEDULE 1** APPLICATION FOR SCHEDULED MONUMENT CONSENT PROPOSED WORKS AT: DEESIDE SLATEWORKS DE246

I refer to the application dated 21 September 2015 for scheduled monument consent to carry out works to the dirt track at the above scheduled ancient monument.

This application has been considered in accordance with the Welsh Government's land use planning policies contained in Planning Policy Wales and for the protection of archaeological remains as set out in paragraph 11 of Annex 1 to Circular 60/96. "Planning and the Historic Environment: Archaeology" a copy of which is attached.

It is considered that this application is to place a layer of crushed locally sourced stone over the surface of the tram-road for the width of the track to prevent further vehicle rutting. This is to entail no excavation into the monument but the building up of a protective layer over an existing surface. Whilst the proposed surface will interrupt the line of the tramway this will represent a small scale intervention that prevents further erosion and will simply stabilise what is effectively already a break due to the present level of vehicle rutting.

On the information available, therefore, the Welsh Government is minded to grant scheduled monument consent, subject to the following conditions:

- 1. that Cadw shall be given at least two weeks notice, in writing, of the date of the commencement of the work or of any subsequent adjustment to this date, to allow Cadw's representatives to monitor on site activity;
- 2. that Cadw's representatives are afforded access to the site during works;

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.







- 3. that the proposed surface shall be limited to the width of the existing track;
- 4. that Cadw shall approve in advance any alterations or modifications to the proposed scheme;
- 5. that the site shall be left in a stable and tidy condition.
- 6. that any modification to the proposed work shall require the written approval of Cadw, before it is undertaken; and
- 7. that Cadw shall be informed in writing immediately upon the completion of the works.

Before determining an application for scheduled monument consent, the Welsh Government is required, under the provisions of the 1979 Act, to cause a public local inquiry to be held or afford to the applicant, and to any other person to whom it appears appropriate to do so, the opportunity of appearing before, and being heard by, a person appointed for that purpose. I should be grateful if you would let me know, within 28 days, whether you wish to attend a hearing for these purposes or to submit further written representations.

However, if you would like to confirm that you do not require a hearing and do not want additional evidence to be taken into account, the Welsh Government will proceed to issue its formal decision. A form is enclosed for your reply.

This letter indicates the proposed decision but it does <u>NOT</u> grant scheduled monument consent. Work must not start until such consent has been given, as it is an offence to carry out unauthorised works.

Should you have any queries, please contact Nichola Davies, the Case Officer dealing with this application, on 01443 336007.

Yours sincerely,

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Enc. Acceptance of Conditions Form Circular 60/96 Annex 1