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Dear Katie Sore,

**ANCIENT MONUMENTS AND ARCHAEOLOGICAL AREAS ACT 1979
APPLICATION FOR SCHEDULED MONUMENT CONSENT
MANORBIER CASTLE (PE004)**

1. Introduction

1.1 Thank you for your application of 15 August 2022 to Cadw for scheduled monument consent for works to the chimney in the Great Hall at the above scheduled monument.

1.2 Cadw is a Department within the Welsh Government that undertakes the statutory functions of the Welsh Ministers in determining applications for scheduled monument consent.

1.3 Each application for scheduled monument consent is considered on its own merits in accordance with *Conservation Principles for the Sustainable Management of the Historic Environment in Wales* ([Conservation Principles](#)) and Annex A of *Technical Advice Note 24: The Historic Environment* ([TAN 24](#)). In particular, TAN 24 explains that the main purpose of scheduling is to ensure the preservation of ancient monuments and, when considering an application for scheduled monument consent, there is a presumption against proposals which would involve significant alteration or cause damage or which would have a significant impact on the setting of remains.

2 Assessment

2.1. Your application and supporting documentation has been assessed by our Regional Inspector of Ancient Monuments who has recommended that conditional scheduled monument consent should be approved for (i) re-pointing in advance of (ii) installation of an independent steel frame inside the chimney fixed with mechanical anchors. The reasons for the Inspector's conclusions are set out in **Annex A** of this letter.

2.2. I have carefully considered the impact of the proposed development on the scheduled monument and its setting in light of the advice that I have received from our



Regional Inspector of Ancient Monuments. I have no reason to disagree with the advice of our Regional Inspector and am satisfied that his recommendation is consistent with the objectives of Conservation Principles and TAN 24.

3. Decision

3.1. Accordingly, I hereby approve conditional scheduled monument consent for the proposed works as outlined in section 1.1.

3.2. In reaching this decision, I have taken into account the requirement of sections 3 and 5 of the Wellbeing of Future Generations Act. I consider that this decision is in accordance with the Act's sustainable development principle through its contribution towards the Welsh Ministers' well-being objective of *A Wales of vibrant culture and thriving Welsh Language*.

3.3. Any development control issues associated with wider development will be a matter for any application for planning permission. It is the responsibility of the applicant to establish whether any further approval or consents are required for the proposed development.

4. Proposed Conditions

4.1. The following proposed conditions are intended to protect the monument from damage or significant alteration as set out in TAN 24: *The Historic Environment* and to ensure that details of the project are archived.

- a) The applicant shall provide Cadw with reasonable advance notice of commencement of works on site and shall afford access at all reasonable times to any Cadw official or archaeologist nominated by Cadw to monitor progress of the works;
- b) The approved works shall be carried out strictly in accordance with the application form, plans and documents as listed below. No variations are permitted unless they have been authorised in advance, in writing by Cadw;

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- c) The approved works shall be carried out strictly in accordance with a 'Method Statement' to be submitted in advance and formally approved in writing by Cadw before work commences. The 'Method Statement' shall be adhered to

throughout the project and any variations shall be approved by Cadw prior to works commencing;

d) The Method Statement shall provide for:

	INFORMATION REQUIRED	Date when information required
1	Details for repointing, including extent and proposed mortar mix.	Before work commences.
2	Details for drilling and stitching, including colour of final finish colour of steel frame.	Before work commences.
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e) Cadw shall be invited to attend a site meeting within the first 5 days of commencement of the project to review the programme, submitted method statement and arrangements that have been established for archaeological mitigation/building recording;

f) That Cadw's Inspector is to approve a trial panel of mortar mix and pointing style before full re-pointing is undertaken;

g) That upon completion of the project the applicant shall produce a completion report including:

- An annotated photographic record detailing the site before, during and after works took place
- A brief written account of the work undertaken including mortar mix used, any significant issues identified during the works, alterations to the consented works and the rationale behind such decisions.
- Final versions of any amended plans and elevations as worked upon.
- The draft should be sent to Cadw in digital format for approval within 25 working days of the works being completed; and

h) Any historic or archaeological features not previously identified which are revealed when carrying out the works shall be retained in situ and reported to Cadw within two working days. Works shall be halted in the area/part of the site affected until provision has been made for retention and/or recording of the feature by a suitably qualified archaeologist in accordance with details submitted to and approved in writing in advance by Cadw.

5. Compliance

5.1. Where a condition requires approval or any contact with Cadw you are advised to contact Louise Mees by email scheduledmonuments@gov.wales.

5.2. When all work has been completed and the conditions have been discharged, please complete and return the 'completion notice' at **Annex B** to Cadw. Section 2(6) of the 1979 Act provides that non-compliance with a condition attached to a grant of scheduled monument consent shall be an offence.

5.3. By virtue of Section 4 of the 1979 Act, if no works to which this consent relates are executed or started within 5 years from the date of this letter, the consent shall cease to have effect at the end of that period (unless it is revoked in the meantime).

5.4. This letter does not convey any approval or consent required under any enactment, bylaw, order or regulation other than Section 2 of the Ancient Monuments and Archaeological Areas Act 1979. It is the responsibility of the applicant to obtain any such approval or consent where necessary.

6. Mechanism for Challenge

6.1 Section 55 of the 1979 Act explains that if you are aggrieved by the decision given in this letter, you may challenge its validity by applying to the High Court within six weeks from the date of my decision. Furthermore, the legislation explains that the grounds on which an application may be made to the Court are;

- a) that my decision is not within the powers of the Act (i.e. that I have exceeded the powers available under the Act); and
- b) that any of the relevant requirements set out in the Act have not been complied with and that your interest has been substantially prejudiced by the failure to comply.

The 'relevant requirements' mentioned above are defined in Section 55 of the 1979 Act and it is advisable to seek legal advice before taking any action.

6.2. Should you have any queries please do not hesitate to contact me.

6.3 Finally, please note that your personal data is managed in compliance with the [General Data Protection Regulations](#).

Yours sincerely,

Denise Harris

Casework Manager

under authority of the Deputy Minister for Arts and Sport, and Chief Whip, one of the Welsh Ministers

ANCIENT MONUMENTS AND ARCHAEOLOGICAL AREAS ACT 1979
APPLICATION FOR SCHEDULED MONUMENT CONSENT
MANORBIER CASTLE (PE004)

INSPECTOR'S ADVICE

1. Policy Context

- 1.1 An application for scheduled monument consent (SMC) is considered on its own merits in accordance with *Conservation Principles for the Sustainable Management of the Historic Environment in Wales* ([Conservation Principles](#)) and Annex A of *Technical Advice Note 24: The Historic Environment* ([TAN 24](#)). In particular, TAN 24 explains that the main purpose of scheduling is to ensure the preservation of ancient monuments and, when considering an application for SMC, there is a presumption against proposals which would involve significant alteration or cause damage, or which would have a significant impact on the setting of remains. Therefore, applicants are expected to demonstrate that no practicable alternative route or location, avoiding the scheduled area, exists and that the need to undertake works outweighs the presumption in favour of the protection of the scheduled monument.
- 1.2 The Welsh Government's six principles for sustainable management of the historic environment in Wales are also used as a guide when considering applications for scheduled monument consent. These are:
- Historic assets will be managed to sustain their values.
 - Understanding the significance of historic assets is vital.
 - The historic environment is a shared resource.
 - Everyone will be able to participate in sustaining the historic environment.
 - Decisions about change must be reasonable, transparent and consistent.
 - Documenting and learning from decisions is essential.

2. Manorbier Castle

- 2.1 The monument consists of the remains of a castle, dating to the medieval period and which is located about 800m from the sea on a low spur dividing a deep valley above the confluence of two streams. The castle is first mentioned as the birthplace of Giraldus Cambrensis in 1147. Giraldus was the fourth son of William de Barri from a family which held estates principally in Ireland and is famous for documenting a journey around Wales in 1188 whilst accompanying Archbishop Baldwin who was recruiting for the Third Crusade. Manorbier passed down the family line until the 14th century and had a peaceful history apart from one internal family dispute in 1327. After a succession of subsequent occupiers in 1475 it became crown property, by 1630 had been disposed of to the Phillips of Picton Castle and in 1645 the castle was taken for Parliament

during the Civil War. In the 17th and 18th centuries several agricultural buildings were constructed within it and in 1880 when the castle was under lease a house was built within the inner ward and other parts restored to habitable use.

The castle retains substantial stone buildings erected before 1200 though most are the result of rebuilding in the thirteenth and early fourteenth centuries, some remains dating to refortification for the civil war are also present. The remains consist of an inner ward, about 76m by 44m, an outer ward, about 100m by 76m together with an area that encompasses some of the associated park, grounds, and gardens. The inner ward is surrounded by a curtain wall with a gatehouse in the east wall. At the north-east and south-east corners are two towers, the north tower, and the round tower. There is a spur tower at the south-western corner and a turret roughly mid-way along the northern curtain wall. A range of domestic buildings, including a hall block, kitchens, and a chapel, formerly abutted the southern, western and north-western curtain walls. Some of these have been replaced by modern buildings. The hall block and the chapel survive. The outer ward is located to the east of the inner and separated by a defensive ditch protected to north and south by short wing walls and was surrounded a less substantial curtain; most that now survives is on the north side. This includes the ground-level remains of a small rectangular tower to the north and a half round turret on the northeast. Within the outer ward are the remains of a large later medieval barn. Extending northwards from the castle wards are two long lengths of wing wall, one at the west end of the hall block and the other from the flanking wall of the outer ward, these descend down-slope to where they terminate at what was the location of the pond for a mill southeast of the castle.

This application for SMC proposes works to the fireplace in the great hall.

The heritage values of the hall block are summarised below:

Evidential Value:

Main domestic wing, constructed in the 12th century by William de Barri, which was built as an integral part of the curtain wall, rather than as an independent structure. The great hall lies at the centre of this complex. Surviving features of the fireplace include the chimney breast over, hearth, single corbel, and scarring to indicate the former structure.

Historic Value:

Magnificent wing demonstrating well planned domestic arrangements and comfort, as indicated by the grand fireplace.

Aesthetic Value:

Manorbier Castle is a one of the most majestic castles in South West Wales. Within the significant remains can be seen domestic and defensive structures including those erected before 1200, rebuilding works from the 13th and 14th centuries and civil war features. The hall block is particularly evocative as birthplace and home of Geraldus Cambrensis.

Communal Value:

Public access is provided by private owners who maintain this popular castle.

[INSERT: the scheduling description, the current state of the monument and summary of key values, *(with particular consideration to all the values including,*

for example, evidential and aesthetic (visual and setting)). From here please have specific regard to TAN 24 and Conservation Principles including an assessment of the impact of the proposed works on the monument alongside the headings]

3. The Application

- 3.1 This application for scheduled monument consent involves (i) re-pointing in advance of (ii) installation of an independent steel frame inside the chimney fixed with mechanical anchors.

4. Assessment

- 4.1 **[INSERT** an assessment of the impact of the works on the values of the monument (with particular consideration to all the values including, for example, evidential and aesthetic (visual and setting)). Also, please address whether the proposals would involve significant alteration or cause damage, or which would have a significant impact on the setting of remains.....]

The proposed works will provide structural support to the fireplace. Much original fabric has been lost from the fireplace, including the left-hand corbel, which failed a long time ago.

Repointing is uncontentious and reversible. Proposed drilling into masonry will cause damage to historic fabric. This damage will be minimal and localised, and the harm cause outweighed by benefit of providing structural stability. Locating the support inside the chimney breast will minimise the negative impact on the appearance of the fireplace. Without intervention, the fireplace and chimney breast are vulnerable to further deterioration and partial collapse. Therefore, the proposed works will sustain the above listed evidential and aesthetic values of the monument, particularly retaining important architectural features of the earliest phase of the castle.

5. Recommendation

- 5.1 **[INSERT** a recommendation for approval or refusal of SMC with reasons specifically addressing if any aspect involves significant alteration or causes damage, or would have a significant impact on the setting of remains.]

I recommend that scheduled monument consent is granted, subject to the following conditions:

6. **Proposed Conditions** [which must be (i) necessary, (ii) relevant to the 1979 Act, (iii) relevant to what is actually proposed, (iv) enforceable, (v) precise and (vi) reasonable in all other respects. Please select or delete as appropriate and aim for as few as possible.]

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to any Cadw official or archaeologist nominated by Cadw to monitor progress of the works.

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[INSERT conditions where additional information is required prior to works commencing (for example, when full details cannot be worked up until scaffold is in place, or conservation actions will be dependent upon tests)]

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Name of Inspector: Louise Mees

Date: 14/10/2022

COMPLETION NOTICE**Name of Monument: Manorbier Castle****Monument Number: PE004**

Conditions	Date	Signature
Completion of works on site		
<p>That upon completion of the project the applicant will produce a completion report including:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • An annotated photographic record detailing the site before, during and after works took place • A brief written account of the work undertaken including mortar mix used, any significant issues identified during the works, alterations to the consented works and the rationale behind such decisions. • Final versions of any amended plans and elevations as worked upon. • The draft should be sent to Cadw in digital format for approval within 25 working days of the works being completed. 		

Applicant Name:

Signature:

When all work has been completed and the conditions have been discharged, please complete and return this completion notice to Cadw at scheduledmonuments@gov.wales