

**ATISN 19154**

**Doc. 2. Email correspondence – Cadw and site owner**

**From:** Cadw officer

**Sent:** Tuesday, April 25, 2023 3:13 PM

**To:** [REDACTED]

**Subject:** RE: [EXTERNAL SENDER] Shotton Garden - works in registered historic garden

Hello [REDACTED],

Here are the links to the information again [Registered Historic Parks & Gardens | Cadw \(gov.wales\)](#) and also Cadw guidance *Managing Change to Registered Historic Parks & Gardens in Wales*. [Managing Change to Registered Historic Parks and Gardens in Wales \(gov.wales\)](#). Let me know if you need any further information or wish to discuss.

I will be back in touch soon to arrange a site visit but in the meantime please let us know your plans and aspirations for the site so that we (Cadw) have a better understanding of the reasons for the works that have recently taken place.

Regards

[REDACTED]

**From:** [REDACTED]

**Sent:** 25 April 2023 10:42

**To:** Cadw officer

**Subject:** RE: [EXTERNAL SENDER] Shotton Garden - works in registered historic garden

**Good morning** [REDACTED],

**The information about managing historic parks has not reached me, please could you send me a copy?**

**[REDACTED] met on site yesterday with [REDACTED] Planning Enforcement & Economy. [REDACTED] was content with our plans for the site, and offered advice and assistance going forward. I have emailed [REDACTED] separately to take him up on his offer, as he suggested some contacts he has who could assist with ground cover and tree planting.**

**A copy of the original planting plan would be great to see also.**

**Best regards,**

[REDACTED]

**From:** Cadw officer

**Sent:** Monday, April 24, 2023 6:33 PM

**To:** [REDACTED]

**Subject:** RE: [EXTERNAL SENDER] Shotton Garden - works in registered historic garden

Hello [REDACTED],

Thank you for your reply and invitation to visit. I hope you have had time to read the information I sent about managing registered historic parks and gardens and the importance of understanding what is significant about the site before making changes to it. The registered site is of national importance and, as I said in my previous email, we have serious concerns about the damaging impacts of the works on the historic significance of the site, and we ask you to refrain from removing any more trees or structures until their significance is properly understood. I have a copy of the original planting plan and can help to identify the surviving Colvin planting. I hope your landscape expert will also be interested in seeing the plans and understanding more about the history of the site.

As you know, the grounds surrounding the offices were landscaped and planted by Brenda Colvin, including the staff and visitor parking areas, where parking bays were marked out with low walls and the area enhanced with tree planting. Although I understand self-sown trees have also grown up on site, many of the trees planted as part of the Colvin landscape have survived and so in order to restore the gardens, these trees should be identified and retained, and not felled.

Unfortunately I am not able to come to Shotton this week, but I understand the local authority have already visited the site and provided you with advice. In the meantime please could you provide details of your plans for the site via email?

Regards

[REDACTED]

 Cadw

[REDACTED]

**From:** [REDACTED] >

**Sent:** 21 April 2023 11:52

**To:** Cadw officer

**Subject:** FW: [EXTERNAL SENDER] Shotton Garden - works in registered historic garden

Hello [REDACTED],

**Many thanks for your email which has been forwarded to me.**

**It is our intention to restore the gardens and we have employed a landscape expert to assist with the plans.**

**We also plan to plant additional trees and develop a sympathetic and landscaped seated area. We are also improving the buildings which have fallen into disrepair, with**

a view to improving the overall aesthetics of the estate which has been left to deteriorate.

We would welcome a visit to the site so that we can detail our plans. [REDACTED] will be on site Monday to Thursday next week, if that would suit for you to visit.

Please advise.

Best regards – [REDACTED]

**From:** [REDACTED] >  
**Sent:** Thursday, April 20, 2023 2:21 PM  
**To:** [REDACTED] >  
**Subject:** Fwd: [EXTERNAL SENDER] Shotton Garden - works in registered historic garden

Hi [REDACTED], can you forward as necessary ?

Sent from [Outlook for iOS](#)

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**From:** Cadw officer  
**Sent:** Thursday, April 20, 2023 12:45:25 PM  
**To:** [REDACTED]  
**Subject:** [EXTERNAL SENDER] Shotton Garden - works in registered historic garden

Dear [REDACTED],

I am contacting you about the nationally important registered historic park and garden known as Shotton Steelworks Garden, of which I understand you are the owner. The garden is of significant historic interest as an example of the work of the important landscape architect Brenda Colvin. Please find attached the register entry and map showing the extent of the registered area.

I understand work is ongoing at the site including tree removal and levelling. We (Cadw) have serious concerns about this work and its damaging impacts on the historic significance of the registered site and would like to discuss with you your proposals before any further work is undertaken so that we may advise if something more sympathetic could achieve the desired outcome, both respecting what is significant about the site whilst achieving your own objectives.

I have attached further information about the register of historic parks and gardens and how best to manage them [Registered Historic Parks & Gardens | Cadw \(gov.wales\)](#)

I look forward to hearing from you

Regards,  
[REDACTED]

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