

## Appendix A – Letters of Support

Archives & Records

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UK & Ireland

To whom it may concern,

The ARA is the leading professional membership body for archivists, archive conservators and records managers in the United Kingdom and Republic of Ireland. We have several thousand members.

On behalf of the Archives and Records Association (UK & Ireland), I am writing in support of the proposal to create a merged archive service for North East Wales and to support your application to the National Lottery Heritage Horizon Fund.

Archive services need to become more resilient and sustainable in order to preserve and make archives available now and for future generations. The collections held in Ruthin and Hawarden are indeed nationally important. This proposal will benefit the local community and the people of Wales and beyond. A collection containing over 900 years of records which show the impact of decisions on local, regional and national history and identity must be properly preserved, conserved and made available.

There is strong evidence that new purpose-built, environmentally friendly archive buildings are successful to this end.

The proposals to develop new audiences in partnership with others are to be applauded. We are pleased to see the plans to work with generally under represented sectors of society including; LGBTQ+ people, people on low income, people with dementia, young people, prisoners and probationers. This is exactly what archive services should be doing.

We do hope National Lottery Heritage Horizon Fund will support this application.

Yours sincerely,

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Chofnodion Cymru  
Archives and Records  
Council Wales

14 September 2020,

**Letter of Support for the North East Wales Archives (NEWA).**

Dear Sir / Madam,

On behalf of the Archives and Records Council Wales, please accept this letter of support for the North East Wales Archives (NEWA) in its application for assistance from the National Lottery Heritage Horizon Fund.

The Archives and Records Council Wales (ARCW) was established in May 1995 as a representative body for institutions and organisations in Wales involved with caring for archives and records. The principal aims of the association are to influence policy and bring to the attention of the public, government or relevant institutions, matters of current concern in the field of archives. ARCW also seeks to provide a focus for collaborative projects which help to develop and strengthen local archive service provision in Wales.

For this reason, ARCW is delighted to support this ambitious project to bring together two nationally important archive collections into a new purpose-built, environmentally friendly building in Mold. The merger between Denbighshire County Council's and Flintshire County Council's archive services will create a stronger, more resilient and sustainable archive service for the north east of Wales. In doing so, it will transform the access, preservation, engagement and profile of both organisations thus ensuring that the needs of all of its stakeholders are fully met.

If you require more information about ARCW please do not hesitate to contact me.

Yours sincerely,

Hayden Burns  
(Vice Chair, ARCW)

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To Whom it may concern

**RE: North East Wales Archives**

I am writing as the Member of the Senedd for Clwyd South, in support of North East Wales Archives (NEWA) National Lottery Heritage Horizon Fund application.

As a passionate supporter of the Arts and Heritage in Wales, I believe the plan for the service to move into a purpose-built, environmentally friendly building in Mold, adjacent to Theatr Clwyd, an exciting prospect and one that will not only provide a cultural hub for the region but also open the service to a new audience.

The plans NEWA have regarding engagement with wide ranging communities, dedicated learning spaces for creative activities and exhibition space will certainly enhance the important provision the archive service provides and will allow a new audience access to the rich history available.

I am happy to support NEWA bid and would be grateful if their application was looked upon favourably.

Yours sincerely,

Ken Skates MS

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Dear Mr Berry,

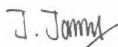
Thank you for your recent email regarding the establishment of the North East Wales Archives and the proposals you have in mind to create a single service for both authorities and their collections.

We have been following the development of the joint archive service for some time with considerable interest, and it was a great pleasure for me to visit Mold last year, meet some of your colleagues and see the proposed new site at first hand. It is also very encouraging to know that you are continuing to make progress with your plans during these difficult times, and the commitment of the two parent authorities to the scheme is recognised.

Clearly, there are great benefits to be derived from co-location of the two services, including sustainability, economies of scale and the provision of an infrastructure that would support the building of relationships with communities in the area. The range of activities and projects you intend to deliver is impressive and amply demonstrates the value and relevance of archives in today's world. The purpose-built accommodation would also provide you with ideal facilities for collections management, the preservation of the area's unique archival heritage, and for engaging with audiences, either on-site or remotely. Bringing the complementary collections together in one location has obvious advantages for researchers.

We wish you and your colleagues every success with your plans to take forward the vision for the North East Wales Archives. Since both services are places of deposit, and have achieved Archive Service Accreditation, please do not hesitate to call on my colleagues in Archives Sector Development for advice on the plans for a new archive centre.

Yours sincerely,



Jeff James  
 Chief Executive and Keeper

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