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Wrexham County Borough Council
The Guildhall
Wrexham
LL11 1AY

Dyddiad/Date: 05 September 2024

Annwyl Syr/Madam/Dear Sir/Madam,

BWRIAD/PROPOSAL: REPLACEMENT (ANAEROBIC DIGESTION) SLURRY TOWER AND SHED

LLEOLIAD/LOCATION: CARREG Y FFRANC, BANGOR ROAD, OVERTON, WREXHAM, LL13 0HL

Thank you for consulting Cyfoeth Naturiol Cymru (CNC)/Natural Resources Wales (NRW) about the above, which we received on 14 August 2024.

We have no objection to the proposed development as submitted and provide the following advice.

Protected Sites – Foul Drainage
We note the application site is within the catchment of the River Dee and Bala Lake Special Area of Conservation (SAC). In line with our *Advice to Planning Authorities for Planning Applications Affecting Nutrient Sensitive River Special Areas of Conservation* (28 June 2024), under the Habitats Regulations, Planning Authorities must consider the impact of proposed developments on water quality within SAC river catchments. We refer you in particular to the section of our Advice titled '*What does this mean for agricultural developments?*'

We understand this proposal is to improve the existing slurry management system on the farm to conform with the requirements of The Water Resources (Control of Agricultural Pollution) (Wales) Regulations 2021. The storage requirements of these Regulations come into force on 1 August 2024. The structure is not to accommodate an increase in stock number.

Provided the structure is designed and built by a suitably qualified engineer to meet the standards set in the Regulations and BS 5502 (Building and Structures for Agriculture Code of Practice for Design, Construction and Loading), we have no objection to the proposal.

We should be informed of any substantial changes at least 14 days before construction begins. Further information on what we require is available on our website at Natural Resources Wales / Silage and slurry storage.

The slurry/digestate should be applied to land in accordance with a suitable manure management plan (MMP) based on an underlying nutrient management plan (NMP). The Code of Good Agricultural Practice (COGAP) has standard formats for the MMP and associated NMP.

In consideration of the above, provided that you are able to conclude that the development is not likely to have a significant effect on the SAC, we have no objection to the proposal. However, should you conclude that the proposed development is likely to have a significant effect on the SAC, the Applicant will then need to submit whatever evidence they deem appropriate (seeking advice from consultants as may be necessary) to demonstrate no adverse effect on site integrity.

Other Matters
Our comments above only relate specifically to matters included on our checklist, *Development Planning Advisory Service: Consultation Topics* (September 2018), which is published on our website. We have not considered potential effects on other matters and do not rule out the potential for the proposed development to affect other interests.

We advise the applicant that, in addition to planning permission, it is their responsibility to ensure they secure all other permits/consents/licences relevant to their development. Please refer to our website for further details.

Advice for Developers
Anaerobic digestion on farms require permission from Natural Resources Wales by way of either an exemption or a permit. If the site is unable to adhere to all the conditions of the relevant T24 exemption (T24 waste exemption: anaerobic digestion at premises used for agriculture and burning resulting biogas - GOV.UK (www.gov.uk)) then they must apply for an environmental permit for this waste treatment activity.

If you have any queries on the above, please do not hesitate to contact us.

Yn gywir / Yours faithfully,

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