Cyfoeth Naturiol Cymru
Natural Resources Wales

Ein cyf/Our ref: CAS-263348-J9Z8
Eich cyf/Your ref: P/2024/1366

Wrexham County Borough Council
The Guildhall
Wrexham
LL11 1AY

Date: 12 September 2024

Dear Sarah Hill,

BWRIAD/PROPOSAL: Installation of Outdoor Menage Area

LLEOLIAD/LOCATION: Waen Farm, Glascoed Road, Bwlchgwyn, Wrexham, LL11 5YG

Thank you for consulting Cyfoeth Naturiol Cymru (CNC)/Natural Resources Wales (NRW) about the above, which we received on 28 August 2024.

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

Protected Species

We note that the bat report submitted in support of the above application (Ecological Impact Assessment, Susan Worsfold, 26th August 2024) has identified that bats were not using the application site for roosting, but for commuting and foraging. We therefore have no comments to make on the application as submitted. You may wish to discuss any lighting impacts with your ecological adviser.

Protected Sites

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.

However, the application as submitted is unlikely to increase the amount of nutrients entering the catchment. Therefore, we are satisfied that the proposal is not likely to have a significant effect on the River Dee and Bala Lake SAC.

Please note, any manure produced must be managed (storage and application to land) in line with The Code of Good Agricultural Practice (CoGAP) for the Protection of Water, Soil and Air for Wales. If manure is managed correctly then the application as submitted is unlikely to increase the amount of nutrients entering the catchment. Therefore, we are

satisfied that the proposal is not likely to have a significant effect on the River Dee and Bala Lake SAC.

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.

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

Yn gywir / Yours faithfully,

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