Cyfoeth Naturiol Cymru
Natural Resources Wales

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Eich cyf/Your ref: P/2024/1078

Wrexham County Borough Council
The Guildhall
Wrexham
LL11 1AY

Date: 27 September 2024

Dear Sarah Hill,

BWRIAD/PROPOSAL: CONVERSION OF FORMER PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH TO A SINGLE DWELLING

LLEOLIAD/LOCATION: Former Presbyterian Church, Castle Street, Holt, Wrexham, LL13 9YW

Thank you for consulting Natural Resources Wales (NRW) about the further information in support of the above, which we received on 12 September 2024.

We continue to have concerns with the application as submitted. To overcome these concerns, further consideration is required regarding foul drainage. Further details are provided below.

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.

This application for change of use of former church to dwelling proposes connection of foul water to the mains sewer. Ultimately, the suitability of foul drainage arrangements for the proposed development is a matter for your Authority to determine. However, we are satisfied that our concerns can be overcome by your Authority following our Advice specifically the section titled '*What does this mean for development proposals involving connection to public wastewater treatment works?*'.

We therefore advise you to take the above into account in your determination of whether the development is likely to have a significant effect on the SAC. Should you determine that an Appropriate Assessment is required, 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.

Protected Species

We note that the further bat report submitted in support of the above application (Susan Worsfold, Bat Emergence Surveys, 11th September 2024) has identified that bats were not using the application site. We therefore have no further species comments to make on the application as submitted.

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.

Yours faithfully,

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