Cyfoeth Naturiol Cymru
Natural Resources Wales

Ein cyf/Our ref: CAS-264555-C3M1
Eich cyf/Your ref: P/2024/1395

Wrexham County Borough Council
The Guildhall
Wrexham
LL11 1AY

Dyddiad/Date: 30 September 2024

Annwyl Syr/Madam/Dear Sir/Madam,

BWRIAD/PROPOSAL: SINGLE STOREY REAR EXTENSION

LLEOLIAD/LOCATION: Wrexham Carnegie Library, Queen's Square, Wrexham, LL11 1AT

Thank you for consulting Cyfoeth Naturiol Cymru (CNC)/Natural Resources Wales (NRW) about the above, which we received on 16 September 2024.

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

Protected Species

We note that the ecological report submitted in support of the above application (Preliminary Ecological Assessment /Preliminary Bat Roost Assessment and Emergence Survey for Lawray Architects, RML. August 2024 3306 / 11) has identified that protected species were not present at the application site. We therefore have no comments to make on the application as submitted, and advise that you liaise with your own Authority's ecologist.

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.

However, recognising the specific nature of the application submitted, refurbishment and extension of a building to serve the local community that meets the screening criteria set out in our Advice, we are satisfied that there is unlikely to be a source of additional nutrients and/or a pathway for impacts. As such, in our opinion, it would be reasonable for your

Authority to screen out this proposal as not likely to have a significant effect on the River Dee and Bala Lake SAC in relation to nutrient inputs.

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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