Cyfoeth Naturiol Cymru
Natural Resources Wales

Ein cyf/Our ref: CAS-268274-M4T8
Eich cyf/Your ref: P/2024/1452

Wrexham County Borough Council
The Guildhall
Wrexham
LL11 1AY

Date: 15 November 2024

Dear Sir/Madam,

PROPOSAL: ERECTION OF CONCESSION STANDS, MARQUEE, STAGE, FENCING AND ASSOCIATED WORKS

LOCATION: THE RACECOURSE, MOLD ROAD, WREXHAM, LL11 2AH

Thank you for consulting Cyfoeth Naturiol Cymru (CNC)/Natural Resources Wales (NRW) with additional information about the above, which we received on 11 November 2024.

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

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. We therefore advise you to consider whether the proposals, as submitted, would increase the volume of foul discharge from the site in planning terms.

Confirmation was provided on 11 November 2024 that "*foul water from the fan zone will be discharged off site through the use of portable toilets with a self-contained foul tank, and therefore there would be no foul effluent discharged at this location*." We note the proposed use of portable toilets, and that the planning application seeks permission for a temporary time period only ("*due to come down in May 2025*").

Your Authority will need 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. You should then consult us on your

Appropriate Assessment under Regulation 63 of the Conservation of Habitats and Species Regulations 2017 (as amended).

Ultimately, the suitability of foul drainage arrangements for the proposed development is a matter for your Authority to determine.

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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