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Eich cyf/Your ref: P/2024/1549

Wrexham County Borough Council
The Guildhall
Wrexham
LL11 1AY

Date: 28 November 2024

Dear Sir/Madam,

PROPOSAL: INSTALLATION OF 2 NO UNITS TO CREATE STORAGE, WELFARE AND OFFICE FACILITIES

LOCATION: KELLOGGS, BRYN LANE, WREXHAM INDUSTRIAL ESTATE, WREXHAM, LL13 9UT

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

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

Protected Species

The overall population of Great Crested Newts (GCN) present within and in the environs of the Wrexham Industrial Estate is considered to be of national importance. GCN and their breeding sites and resting places are protected under the Conservation of Habitats and Species Regulations 2017 (as amended) and Schedule 5 of the Wildlife and Countryside Act 1981.

The Planning, Design, and Access Statement (Areas 1 & 3) Project Aurora Kellogg (Prepared by: SLR Consulting Limited; SLR Project No.: 416.065647.00001; 30 October 2024 Revision: FINAL RV2) concludes: "*The proposed temporary structures will not result in a negative impact on any areas of habitat on site, nor will they impact any known protected species in proximity to the application site*." At this time and in the context of this application, we concur with this statement as the application site is located further than 250m from known GCN breeding ponds.

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, recognising the specific nature of the application submitted (the application form confirms there will be no additional employees as a result of this proposal) we are satisfied that there is unlikely to be a source of additional nutrients 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.

Yours faithfully,

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