Cyfoeth Naturiol Cymru
Natural Resources Wales

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Eich cyf/Your ref: P/2024/1635

Wrexham County Borough Council
The Guildhall
Wrexham
LL11 1AY

Date: 19 December 2024

Dear Sir/Madam,

PROPOSAL: ERECTION OF PORTAL FRAME BUILDING TO COVER EXISTING SILAGE CLAMP AND INSTALLATION OF BELOW GROUND EFFLUENT TANK WITH ASSOCIATED WORKS

LOCATION: UPPER PARK EYTON FARM, EYTON, WREXHAM, LL13 0YF

Thank you for consulting Cyfoeth Naturiol Cymru (CNC)/Natural Resources Wales (NRW) about the above, which we received on 06 December 2024.

We have concerns with the application as submitted because inadequate information has been provided in support of the proposal. To overcome these concerns, you should seek further information from the applicant regarding pollution to controlled waters. If this information is not provided, we would object to this planning application. Further details are provided below.

Pollution to controlled waters
The silage effluent must be managed in line with The Water Resources (Control of Agricultural Pollution) (Wales) Regulations 2021. Further details on how the effluent is to be managed are required including:

Capacity of the tank, based on the dimensions of the shed 67m x 21.2m x 3m the applicant would require a 48m3 tank. The proposed tank measures 2.650m x 5.570m x 2.500m = 36.901m3, this would be inadequate tank storage for the size of the clamp.

The legislation states that the capacity of the effluent tank must not be less than:

a) in the case of a silo with a capacity of less than 1,500 cubic metres, 20 litres for each cubic metre of silo capacity, and
b) in the case of a silo with a capacity of 1,500 cubic metres or more, 30 cubic metres plus 6.7 litres for each cubic metre of silo capacity in excess of 1,500 cubic metres.

With regards to the roof structure over the existing silage clamp, we note that the roof will reduce the amount of dirty water produced reducing the overall amount to be managed.

The addition of a roof is not covered by the regulations but will reduce the amount of dirty water produced reducing the amount to be managed. Installation of the roof must not compromise any part of the clamp's structure.

We advise that the proposal follows the Code of Good Agricultural Practice guidance.

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 as it will not increase stock numbers on site. 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.

Protected Species
We note that there is no information about protected species with the application and, therefore, are assuming that your Authority has screened the application and concluded that there is not a reasonable likelihood of protected species being present.

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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