Cyfoeth Naturiol Cymru
Natural Resources Wales

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Eich cyf/Your ref: P/2024/1670

Wrexham County Borough Council
The Guildhall
Wrexham
LL11 1AY

Date: 02 January 2025

Dear Sir/Madam,

PROPOSAL: RENEWAL OF PLANNING PERMISSION (P/2019/0131) RETENTION OF SHIPPING CONTAINER

LOCATION: CARTREF DYFFRYN CEIRIOG, LLWYNMAWR, LLANGOLLEN, LL20 7AF

Thank you for consulting Cyfoeth Naturiol Cymru (CNC)/Natural Resources Wales (NRW) about the above, which we received on 19 December 2024.

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

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 storage container with no foul drainage, 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.

Pollution Prevention
The application is located 85m from the River Dee and Bala Lake Special Area of Conservation (SAC).

From the information provided, we consider that the proposal is not likely to have a significant effect on the SAC due to the nature of the proposed development

Our advice may change should modifications be made to the proposed development prior to the determination of the application. If there are any changes to the proposed development which may affect the consideration of potential environmental impacts, please consult us again before you determine the application.

As the competent authority under the Conservation of Habitats and Species Regulations 2017 (as amended), it is for your Authority to carry out the test of Likely Significant Effects for the proposed development. Should you conclude that the proposal is likely to have a significant effect on a SAC/SPA/Ramsar site, either alone or in combination with other plans or projects, an appropriate assessment must be made on the implications of the project for that site in view of its conservation objectives. You must for the purposes of the assessment consult NRW and have regard to any representations we make within such reasonable time as you specify.

Site for Special Scientific Interest
We have considered the submitted in support of the above application. Based on the information submitted, we consider that the proposed development is not likely to damage the features for which River Dee is of special interest.

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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