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Eich cyf/Your ref: P/2024/1593

Wrexham County Borough Council
The Guildhall
Wrexham
LL11 1AY

Dyddiad/Date: 10 January 2025

Annwyl Syr/Madam/Dear Sir/Madam,

BWRIAD/PROPOSAL: ERECTION OF SILAGE CLAMP WALL TO EXISTING SILAGE CLAMP

LLEOLIAD/LOCATION: TORRIAD FARM, BOWLING BANK, WREXHAM, LL13 9R

Thank you for consulting Cyfoeth Naturiol Cymru (CNC)/Natural Resources Wales (NRW) about the above, which we received on 10 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 protected sites and drainage. If this information is not provided, we would object to this planning application. Further details are provided below.

Protected Sites

Special Area of Conservation (SAC)

We note the application site is within the catchment of the River Dee and Bala Lake 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 refer you in particular to the section of our Advice titled '*What does this mean for agricultural developments?*'

The silage clamp must be designed and built to the standards of The Water Resources (Control of Agricultural Pollution) (Wales) Regulations 2021. Further details on the silage clamp are required including:

- Whether there would be an increase in stock as a result of the development
- Details of capacity and construction standards of the silage clamp
- Block plan of the clamp showing the perimeter drain, including how effluent will be channelled into the slurry store

- Confirmation that the wall would be constructed to meet standards set out in BS5502 and that a pre-construction notice will be submitted to NRW 14 days before construction starts.

Should you conclude that the proposed development is likely to have a significant effect on the SAC, please consult us on your Appropriate Assessment under Regulation 63 of the Conservation of Habitats and Species Regulations 2017 (as amended).

Site of Special Scientific Interest (SSSI)

NRW consider the proposals have the potential to impact upon the River Dee SSSI. Providing the advice referenced above for the SAC is adequately addressed, NRW consider the features of the SSSI will also be adequately safeguarded.

Protected Species

Our records show that there may be protected species in the vicinity of the site (Great Crested Newts). 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.

Yn gywir / Yours faithfully,

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Croesewir gohebiaeth yn Gymraeg a byddwn yn ymateb yn Gymraeg, heb i hynny arwain at oedi./Correspondence in Welsh is welcomed, and we will respond in Welsh without it leading to a delay.