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Eich cyf/Your ref: P/2024/1655

Wrexham County Borough Council
The Guildhall
Wrexham
LL11 1AY

Date: 13 January 2025

Dear Sir/Madam,

PROPOSAL: ERECTION OF SLURRY LAGOON WITH SAFETY FENCING AND ASSOCIATED WORKS

LOCATION: HALGHTON VILLA, HORSEMANS GREEN, WHITCHURCH, SY13 3DY

Thank you for consulting Cyfoeth Naturiol Cymru (CNC)/Natural Resources Wales (NRW) about the above, which we received on 13 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 / pollution of controlled waters. If this information is not provided, we would object to this planning application. Further details are provided below.

Protected Sites / Pollution of Controlled Waters

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 refer you in particular to the section of our Advice titled '*What does this mean for agricultural developments?*'

The slurry store must be located, designed and built to meet the construction and capacity requirements of the Water Resources (Control of Agricultural Pollution) (Wales) Regulations 2021 (CoAPR). Further details on the store are should be sought from the Applicant including:

- Capacity of the store
- Confirmation it will be designed and built to the CoAPR standards

- Calculations for the farm slurry production (including dirty water, rainfall and any silage effluent) including confirmation of stock type and numbers before and after development; clear indications on what is directed to the proposed store

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).

Protected Species

No ecological information has been submitted in support of this application. We recommend you seek the advice of your Authority's ecologist about the requirement for further information to be submitted in support of the application, and to scope the need for bespoke surveys, where required.

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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