Cyfoeth Naturiol Cymru
Natural Resources Wales

Ein cyf/Our ref: CAS-271802-N4Z2
Eich cyf/Your ref: P/2024/1703

Wrexham County Borough Council
The Guildhall
Wrexham
LL11 1AY

Dyddiad/Date: 27 January 2025

Annwyl Syr/Madam/Dear Sir/Madam,

BWRIAD/PROPOSAL: CONSTRUCTION OF 3G SYNTHETIC FOOTBALL PITCH WITH FENCING AND FLOODLIGHTING

LLEOLIAD/LOCATION: BRYN ALYN SCHOOL, CHURCH STREET, GWERSYLLT, WREXHAM, LL11 4HB

Thank you for consulting Cyfoeth Naturiol Cymru (CNC)/Natural Resources Wales (NRW) about the above, which we received on 07 January 2025.

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

Protected Species

We note the bat report submitted in support of the above application (ProHort Limited, October 2024. Preliminary Ecological Appraisal. Ref Q12271) has identified bats were not using the application site. We therefore have no adverse comments to make on the application as submitted.

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, 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.

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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