Ein cyf/Our Ref: CAS-274077-S3Z4
Eich cyf/Your Ref: P/2025/0073

Wrexham County Borough Council,
The Guildhall,
Wrexham,
LL11 1AY

Dyddiad/Date: 18 February 2025

Annwyl Syr/Madam / Dear Sir/Madam,

**BWRIAD/PROPOSAL: CHANGE OF USE OF UPPER FLOORS TO 5 NO 2 BEDROOM FLATS, CHANGES TO SHOP FRONT TO FACILITATE ACCESS AND CONVERSION OF GROUND FLOOR RETAIL SPACE FROM SINGLE UNIT TO 2 UNITS**

**LLEOLIAD/LOCATION: 20-21 HOPE STREET, WREXHAM, LL11 1BG**

Thank you for consulting Cyfoeth Naturiol Cymru (CNC) / Natural Resources Wales (NRW) about the above, which we received on 04/02/2025.

**We have concerns with the application as submitted. To overcome these concerns, further consideration is required regarding foul drainage. Further details are provided below.**

**Protected Sites and Foul Drainage**

The proposed development could potentially lead to an increase of phosphorus load from the receiving wastewater treatment works into the River Dee and Bala Lake Special Area of Conservation. The majority of the River Dee catchment in Wales is currently failing to meet water quality targets for phosphorus. The nutrient impacts of new connections need to be considered on a case-by-case basis within the Habitats Regulations Assessment process. Whilst NRW permitting service has completed a Review of Water Company Discharge Permits we are currently undertaking further data analysis for the River Dee following a number of enquiries and questions from stakeholders and several ongoing Appeals. We will be able to provide further advice to your Authority once we have concluded the review.

**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.

Yn gywir / Yours faithfully,

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