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Wrexham County Borough Council
The Guildhall
Wrexham
LL11 1AY

Dyddiad/Date: 24 February 2025

Annwyl Syr/Madam/Dear Sir/Madam,

BWRIAD/PROPOSAL: DISCHARGE OF CONDITIONS 4 (ECOLOGY), 5 (ECOLOGY), 6 (BIOSECURITY), 9 (CONSTRUCTION TRAFFIC MANAGEMENT PLAN) AND 10 (BIODIVERSITY) OF PLANNING PERMISSION P/2023/0752

LLEOLIAD/LOCATION: LAND NORTH OF MAELOR WORKS, CROSS LANES, WREXHAM, LL13 0UW

Thank you for consulting Cyfoeth Naturiol Cymru (CNC)/Natural Resources Wales (NRW) about the above, which we received on 27 January 2025.

We have concerns with the application as submitted. We do not recommend your Authority discharges conditions 4 and 5 for the following reasons. We have no objection to the discharge of condition 6. We have no comment to make on the discharge of conditions 9 and 10.

Condition 4 (Ecology)

We have reviewed the Scheme of Reasonable Avoidance Measures (Installation of High Voltage Cable, Maelor Works to Maelor Gas Works, P/2023/0752, Etive Ecology, December 2024) submitted in support of this discharge of conditions application.

Section 1.2 of the report states "*If any GCN are encountered, works in the area of the discovery should cease immediately and a GCN licensed ecologist called for advice. Any amphibians caught during the works will be translocated to suitable habitat (hedgerows, scrub, woodland) within 250m of the working area.*"

We advise that any translocation of great crested newts (GCN) would be unlawful if such works were undertaken without a European Protected Species Licence in place.

Section 1.2 of the report also states that an Ecological Compliance Audit (ECA) will be undertaken by the appointed ecologist and submitted to Wrexham County Borough Council on request. However, no key performance indicators have been defined within the report

and as such, we consider that insufficient information has been provided in relation to the ECA component of Condition 4. We therefore do not recommend the discharge of Condition 4.

Condition 5 (Ecology)

We have reviewed the Scheme of Reasonable Avoidance Measures (Installation of High Voltage Cable, Maelor Works to Maelor Gas Works, P/2023/0752, Etive Ecology, December 2024) submitted in support of this discharge of conditions application.

Section 1.3 of the report states that an ECA will be undertaken by the appointed ecologist and submitted to Wrexham County Borough Council on request. However, no key performance indicators have been defined within the report and as such, we consider that insufficient information has been provided in relation to the ECA component of Condition 5. We therefore do not recommend the discharge of Condition 5.

Condition 6 (Biosecurity)

We have reviewed the Biosecurity Risk Assessment (Installation of High Voltage Cable, Maelor Works to Maelor Gas Works, P/2023/0752, Etive Ecology, November 2024) submitted in support of this discharge of conditions application and consider it to be satisfactory for the purposes of discharging Condition 6.

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.