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Wrexham County Borough Council,
The Guildhall,
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Dyddiad/Date: 25 February 2025

Annwyl Syr/Madam / Dear Sir/Madam,

BWRIAD/PROPOSAL: CONSTRUCTION OF SLURRY STORE

LLEOLIAD/LOCATION: HILLSIDE FARM, WILLINGTON, MALPAS, SY14 7LY

Thank you for consulting Cyfoeth Naturiol Cymru (CNC) / Natural Resources Wales (NRW) about the above, which we received on 11/02/2025.

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

Protected Sites and 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?*'

We note from the information submitted that this proposal is to improve the existing slurry management system on the farm to conform with the requirements of The Water Resources (Control of Agricultural Pollution) (Wales) Regulations 2021. The storage requirements of these Regulations came into force on 1 August 2024. The structure is not to accommodate an increase in stock number.

Provided the structure is designed and built by a suitably qualified engineer to meet the standards set in the Regulations and BS 5502 (Building and Structures for Agriculture Code of Practice for Design, Construction and Loading), we have no objection to the proposal.

We should be informed of any substantial changes at least 14 days before construction begins. Further information on what we require is available on our website at Natural Resources Wales / Silage and slurry storage.

The slurry should be applied to land in accordance with a suitable manure management plan (MMP) based on an underlying nutrient management plan (NMP). The Code of Good Agricultural Practice (COGAP) has standard formats for the MMP and associated NMP.

Where there is no change to the existing background ammonia emissions and the proposal reduces the risk of pollution, we do not require an atmospheric ammonia impact screening report in relation to the protected sites. This is in line with our published advice which can be viewed on our website Natural Resources Wales / Ammonia assessments.

We advise that the applicant follow the Code of Good Agricultural Practice guidance on reducing ammonia emissions from agriculture in Wales published in 2019 which can be found here.

In consideration of the above, provided that you are able to conclude that the development is not likely to have a significant effect on the SAC, we have no objection to the proposal. However, should you conclude that the proposed development is likely to have a significant effect on the SAC, the Applicant will then need to submit whatever evidence they deem appropriate (seeking advice from consultants as may be necessary) to demonstrate no adverse effect on site integrity.

Protected Species

No ecological information has been submitted in support of this application. However, we note the Planning Statement section 1.4. states a Preliminary Ecological Appraisal has been commissioned, with the report pending submission. We advise you liaise with you Authority's ecologist upon receipt of the report. Should you require further advice, please re-consult.

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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