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Eich cyf/Your ref: P/2024/1655

Wrexham County Borough Council
The Guildhall
Wrexham
LL11 1AY

Date: 25 February 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) with additional information about the above, which we received on 12 February 2025.

We continue to 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 pollution of controlled waters / protected sites. If this information is not provided, we would object to this planning application. Further details are provided below.

Pollution of Controlled Waters / Protected Sites

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 recently submitted Design and Access Statement (DAS), by Brian Lewis, dated December 2024 that: "*It is not currently proposed that the herd will increase*".

We have been able to make a partial assessment from the information submitted. However, we note the DAS states that 4 months' storage for slurry is required unless the site is within an "*NVZ zone*" and then goes on to state the farm is not in an NVZ zone. We advise that this is incorrect as it should refer to The Control of Agricultural Pollution Regulations 2021 and that 5 months' storage will be required for all slurry and dirty yard areas.

We also note that the "*SSAFO*" and "*NVZ Regulations*" have been referred to. We advise that these regulations no longer exist in Wales. We therefore advise that the supporting information should be updated in order to refer to the correct regulations and associated requirements.

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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