Cyfoeth Naturiol Cymru
Natural Resources Wales

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Eich cyf/Your ref: P/2025/0168

Wrexham County Borough Council
The Guildhall
Wrexham
LL11 1AY

Dyddiad/Date: 12 March 2025

Annwyl Syr/Madam/Dear Sir/Madam,

BWRIAD/PROPOSAL: **INSTALLATION OF SLURRY PIT WITHIN EXISTING AGRICULTURAL SHED**

LLEOLIAD/LOCATION: **TY GWYN FARM, VINEGAR HILL, RHOSLLANERCHRUGOG, WREXHAM, LL14 1EL**

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

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

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. We refer you in particular to the section of our Advice titled '*What does this mean for agricultural developments?*'

We understand this proposal would not lead to an increase in stock numbers (as confirmed by the planning case officer via email received 11.03.25) but is required to improve the existing slurry/manure management system on the farm to conform with the capacity requirements of The Water Resources (Control of Agricultural Pollution) (Wales) Regulations 2021 (CoAPR).

Provided the structure is located, designed and built by a suitably qualified engineer to comply with the construction and capacity requirements of the CoAPR, we have no objection to the proposal.

Under CoAPR it is a requirement to notify NRW of new or substantially altered slurry stores 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.

Further information is available at Natural Resources Wales / How to use manures and slurries appropriately and the Code of Good Agricultural Practice guidance

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

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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