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Response to question raised on planning application P/2024/1554 based on 2023 press release article in Wrexham Leader

https://www.leaderlive.co.uk/news/23876669.norsk-hydro-plans-wrexham-flintshire-expansion/

Dear Jenni,

I understand you raised a question regarding the above planning application based on a 2023 newspaper article concerning our company and a planning application.

We currently have 2 open planning applications, and I think this is the cause of the confusion. You are the case officer for our application P/2024/1554 located on our existing site at Bridge Road on the Wrexham Industrial Estate. This is an extension of our current operations.

The article you refer to relates to an earlier planning application at Bryn Lane, which is also located on the Wrexham Industrial Estate but around 1 mile from our current site. This has the planning application number P/2023/0230 and is not connected or dependent on the planning application you are the case officer for. That would be a brand-new development with no current buildings located on the site

The Bridge Road proposed development (planning application number P/2024/1554) is a sorting automisation project which supports the current operations on the site. Our aim is to transfer 4 employees from our current operations to work on the new facility and recruit up to 12 new employees. Whilst we understand the concerns around phosphates and water pollution, I would add that the people we recruit will be from the Wrexham area. As evidence of our commitment to this this we recently changed the trading name of our company to Hydro Wrexham specially to boost recruitment efforts within the Wrexham area. The result of this means that for all our operator level new recruits in the last 5 years have been from the local area within Wales. By continuing with this policy, we ensure that there will no net impact in water pollution.

Yours sincerely

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