Cyfoeth Naturiol Cymru
Natural Resources Wales

Ein cyf/Our ref: CAS-278502-Y7V1
Eich cyf/Your ref: P/2025/0305

Wrexham County Borough Council
The Guildhall
Wrexham
LL11 1AY

Dyddiad/Date: 16 April 2025

Dear Sir/Madam,

BWRIAD/PROPOSAL: DISCHARGE OF CONDITIONS 13 (SCHEME OF RESTORATION) AND 14 (AFTERCARE SCHEME) OF PLANNING PERMISSION P/2016/0110

LLEOLIAD/LOCATION: LAND AT BALLSWOOD QUARRY, GEGIN LANE, LLAY, WREXHAM, LL12 0NU

Thank you for consulting Cyfoeth Naturiol Cymru (CNC)/Natural Resources Wales (NRW) about the above, which we received on 09 April 2025.

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

Protected Sites

We note the application site is within the catchment of the River Dee and Bala Lake Special Area of Conservation (SAC), and is within 50 metres of Chwarel Singret Site of Special Scientific Interest.

Special area of Conservation

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.

However, recognising the specific nature of the application submitted, we are satisfied that there is unlikely to be a source of additional nutrients and/or a pathway for impacts. As such, in our opinion, it would be reasonable for your Authority to screen out this proposal as not likely to have a significant effect on the River Dee and Bala Lake SAC in relation to nutrient inputs.

Site of Special Scientific Interest

Based on the information submitted, we consider that the proposed development is not likely to damage the features for which Chwarel Singret SSSI is of special interest.

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. They would also be able to advise on the vegetation planting proposals within the application.

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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