Cyfoeth Naturiol Cymru
Natural Resources Wales

Ein cyf/Our ref: CAS-279033-W3D8
Eich cyf/Your ref: P/2025/0329

Wrexham County Borough Council
The Guildhall
Wrexham
LL11 1AY

Dyddiad/Date: 02 May 2025

Dear Jenni Perkins,

BWRIAD/PROPOSAL: CHANGE OF USE OF BUILDING FROM B1 (INDUSTRIAL) TO D2 (PUBLIC GYM)

LLEOLIAD/LOCATION: MERITOR FITNESS CLUB, MERITOR HOUSE, RACKERY LANE, LLAY, WREXHAM, LL12 0PB

Thank you for consulting Cyfoeth Naturiol Cymru (CNC)/Natural Resources Wales (NRW) about the above, which we received on 15 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). 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 i.e. commercial use likely for a local population already served by residential connections to existing public or private sewers discharging within the SAC river catchment. which meets the screening criteria set out in our Advice, 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.

Protected Species

We note that there is no information about protected species, e.g. GCN 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.

Yours faithfully,

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