Ein cyf/Our ref: CAS-279285-H2V3
Eich cyf/Your ref: P/2025/0337

Wrexham County Borough Council
The Guildhall
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Dyddiad/Date: 07 May 2025

Annwyl Syr/Madam/Dear Sir/Madam,

BWRIAD/PROPOSAL: DYMCHWEL DAU ADEILAD YSTAFELL DDOSBARTH DDWBL A RHOI BLOC 4 YSTAFELL DDOSBARTH NEWYDD AR GYFER BABANOD/MEITHRINFA NEWYDD YN EU LLE (CAM 1). ADEILADU BLOC 4 YSTAFELL DDOSBARTH NEWYDD AR GYFER PLANT IAU (CAM 2) / DEMOLITION OF TWO DOUBLE CLASSROOM BUILDINGS AND REPLACEMENT WITH A NEW 4 CLASSROM BLOCK FOR INFANTS/NEW NURSERY (PHASE 1). CONSTRUCTION OF NEW 4 BLOCK CLASSROOM FOR JUNIORS (PHASE 2)

LLEOLIAD/LOCATION: YSGOL ID HOOSON, HEOL CARADOC, RHOSLLANERCHRUGOG, WREXHAM, LL14 2DX

Thank you for consulting Cyfoeth Naturiol Cymru (CNC)/Natural Resources Wales (NRW) about the above, which we received on 22 April 2025.

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

Protected Sites and 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.

However, recognising that the proposed additional classrooms at the school will serve the local population, 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 the ecology report submitted in support of the above application (Preliminary Ecological Appraisal and Roost Assessment, Ysgol I.D. Hooson, Arbtech Consulting Ltd ,

dated 06/12/2024) has identified that protected species were not using the application site. We therefore have no comments to make on the application as submitted.

Contaminated Land

Natural Resources Wales considers that the controlled waters at this site are not of the highest environmental sensitivity, therefore we will not be providing detailed site-specific advice or comments with regards to land contamination issues for this site.

It is recommended that the requirements of Planning Policy Wales and the Land contamination risk management (LCRM) guidance should be followed.

These comments are based on our assumption that gross contamination is not present at this location. If, during development, gross contamination is found to be present at the site the Local Planning Authority may wish to re-consult Natural Resources Wales.

Lead Local Flood Authority

We note that a Flood Consequences Assessment (Ysgol I.D.Hooson, Flood Consequences Assessment, Reference 16125-FCA-02, dated 03/04/2025, Waterco Ltd) has been submitted in support of the application. However, the Lead Local Flood Authority (as cited in the Flood and Water Management Act 2010) is normally the appropriate body to provide advice on existing surface water flood risk and the management of surface water drainage from new developments.

Therefore we advise that you discuss localised flood risk from pluvial, surface water or groundwater with the Lead Local Flood Authority.

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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