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Dear Ms Chitty,

PROPOSAL: Change of use of land to children's nursery

LOCATION: Land South Of The Lodge, Glascoed Road, Bwlchgwyn

Thank you for consulting Cyfoeth Naturiol Cymru / Natural Resources Wales about the above, which we received on 22/03/2023.

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

Foul Drainage and Protected Sites

We note the application site is within the catchment of the River Dee and Bala Lake Special Area of Conservation (SAC). As you are aware, on the 21st January 2021, we published an evidence package outlining phosphorus levels for all river SACs across Wales. In line with our [Planning Advice](#) (July 2022), under the Habitats Regulations, Planning Authorities must consider the phosphorus impact of proposed developments on water quality within SAC river catchments. We therefore advise you to consider whether the proposals, as submitted, would increase the volume of foul discharge from the site in planning terms.

However, recognising the specific nature of the application submitted and confirmation that you do not consider it will lead to increased foul drainage (which we received on 19th April 2023), we are satisfied that the development is unlikely to increase the amount of phosphorus entering the catchment. Therefore, we are satisfied that the proposal is not likely to have a significant effect on the River Dee and Bala Lake SAC.

Protected Species

We note that the ecology report submitted in support of the above application (Etive Ecology. Preliminary Ecological Appraisal - Little Hobbit Forest School, Glascoed Rd,

Bwychgwyn. February 2023) has identified that protected species were not using the application site. We therefore have no comments to make on the application as submitted.

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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