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Date: 15/07/2025
Our Ref: PLA0088485
Your Ref: P/2025/0435

Dear Sir/Madam

Grid Ref: SJ300438 330065 343818
Site: Ruabon Railway Station, Station Road, Ruabon, Wrexham
Development: Change of use from office (class B1) to dwelling (class C3)

We refer to your planning consultation relating to the above site, and we can provide the following comments in respect to the proposed development.

Firstly, with respect to the submitted application form and accompanying details, we acknowledge that the development proposes to discharge foul and surface water flows to a main sewer.

We previously offered our response (PLA0065741) for a conversion of offices to dwelling at this site for LPA reference P/2022/0459 on the 30/05/2022, with subsequent correspondence on the 22/08/2023.

FOUL SEWER

The proposed development site is located in the catchment of a public sewerage system which drains to Five Fords Wastewater Treatment Works (WwTW) and ultimately discharges to a river Special Area of Conservation (SAC). We have considered the impact of foul flows generated by the proposed development and concluded that flows can be accommodated within the immediate public sewerage system, whereas the WwTW has a phosphorus consent limit in place. However, the WwTW is currently failing to comply with the 95% quartile for its flow passed forward (FPF) performance, at the time of this consultation. Notwithstanding this, in line with the environmental regulator's National Environment Programme, we are required to deliver a scheme at the WwTW to ensure 95% quartile compliance with our FPF performance.

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SURFACE WATER

Turning to surface water drainage, as of 7th January 2019, this proposed development is subject to Schedule 3 of the Flood and Water Management Act 2010. The development therefore requires approval of Sustainable Drainage Systems (SuDS) features, in accordance with the 'Statutory standards for sustainable drainage systems – designing, constructing, operating and maintaining surface water drainage systems'. However, in this instance, we would advise that there is no agreement to communicate surface water flows into the public surface water sewer. Accordingly, as a material consideration within the planning process and notwithstanding the submitted application form, we recommend a condition that specifies no surface water flows shall communicate directly or indirectly to the public sewerage system.

ASSET PROTECTION

In addition, this site is crossed by a 250mm public sewer with the approximate position being marked on the attached statutory public sewer record. In accordance with the Water Industry Act 1991, Dwr Cymru Welsh Water requires access to its apparatus at all times in order to carry out maintenance and repairs. Having regard to the submitted location plan it appears the proposed development would be situated outside the protection zone of the public sewer measured 3 metres either side of the centreline and therefore acceptable in principle. Please note, the distance specified for this protection zone is indicative and based on industry standard guidelines. However, the depth of the asset will need to be verified on site which may infer a greater protection zone. For completeness, we recommend the developer refer to their title deeds to confirm if there are any covenants or restrictions associated with the asset crossing the proposed.

Notwithstanding this, given the protection zone is located within the site boundary, it is still recommended that the developer contact our Plan and Protect team (PlanandProtect@dwrcymru.com) to carry out a survey to verify the location of the asset(s) and establish their relationship to the proposal.

To conclude, we can confirm that we maintain our previous comments, conditions and advisory notes for this current application.

Our response is based on the information provided by your application. Should the proposal alter during the course of the application process we kindly request that we are re-consulted and reserve the right to make new representation.

If you have any queries please contact the undersigned on 0800 917 2652 or via email at **developer.services@dwrcymru.com**

Please quote our reference number in all communications and correspondence.

Yours faithfully,

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