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Wrexham County Borough Council
The Guildhall
Wrexham
LL11 1AY

Dyddiad/Date: 29 April 2024

Annwyl Syr/Madam/Dear Sir/Madam,

BWRIAD/PROPOSAL: Codi stablau newydd, llawr caled a ffensys (rhannol ôl-weithredol) / Erection of new stabling, hardstanding and fencing (partly in retrospect)

LLEOLIAD/LOCATION: Land To The North Of, Brymbo Road, Bwlchgwyn, Wrexham, LL11 5TY

Thank you for consulting Cyfoeth Naturiol Cymru (CNC)/Natural Resources Wales (NRW) about the above, which we received on 27 March 2024.

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

Protected Species

We note the ecological report submitted in support of the application (Jones, B., February 2024, Land North of Brymbo Road Bwlchgwyn Wrexham, Reference: PEA BJ24-011.1).

Section 4.6.2 of the report states that no amphibians were observed during the site walk overs carried out in February 2024. Section 6.6.2 provides a working method statement in respect of amphibians, including Great Crested Newts (GCN), as there is a pond approximately 200m away with some suitable connectivity (Section 6.6.1). NRW holds a record of GCN from this pond.

We welcome the proposed use of a suitable working method statement as a precautionary measure regarding GCN and advise that you liaise with your Authority's ecologist regarding the details and suitability of the proposed working method statement in the submitted ecology report.

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). 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](#) (August 2023), 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.

Any manure produced must be managed (storage and application to land) in line with [The Code of Good Agricultural Practice \(CoGAP\) for the Protection of Water, Soil and Air for Wales](#). If manure is managed correctly then the application as submitted 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.

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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