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Wrexham County Borough Council
The Guildhall
Wrexham
LL11 1AY

Dyddiad/Date: 08 October 2024

Annwyl Syr/Madam/Dear Sir/Madam,

BWRIAD/PROPOSAL: Codi adeilad amaethyddol i storio cynnyrch a pheiriannau ac ymestyn claddfa silwair presennol / erection of agricultural building for storage of produce and machinery and extension of existing silage clamp

LLEOLIAD/LOCATION: Pen Y Parc Farm, Black Park, Chirk, Wrexham, LL14 5AX

Thank you for consulting Cyfoeth Naturiol Cymru (CNC)/Natural Resources Wales (NRW) about the additional information for the above, which we received on 19 September 2024.

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. We refer you in particular to the section of our [Advice](#) titled 'What does this mean for agricultural developments?'

However, the application as submitted is unlikely to increase the amount of nutrients 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.

Silage Clamp

We note that the proposal includes the extension of an existing silage clamp. Clarification has been provided to confirm the development is not to facilitate an increase in livestock in addition to confirmation that the silage effluent will be collected to a 25,000litre tank.

Provided the structure is designed and built by a suitably qualified engineer to meet the standards set in The Water Resources (Control of Agricultural Pollution) (Wales) Regulations 2021 we have no objection.

We should be informed of any substantial changes at least 14 days before construction begins (this applies to the new and existing store). Further information on what we require is available on our website at [Natural Resources Wales / Silage and slurry storage](#).

Storage shed

We understand this proposal is partially to construct an agricultural shed for the storage of produce and machinery. The structure is not to accommodate an increase in stock number on the farm.

We have no concerns to raise concerning the storage shed and advise that the applicant follows the [Code of Good Agricultural Practice guidance](#).

Protected Species

We note the Ecological Assessment submitted with the application (Harvey Hughes, June 2024, Ecological Assessment, Pen y Parc Farm LL14 5AX) identifies that there is no evidence of bats or other protected species at the proposed site. We therefore have no comments to make on the application as submitted and advise that you liaise with your Authority's ecologist regarding the recommended practices.

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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Croesewir gohebiaeth yn Gymraeg a byddwn yn ymateb yn Gymraeg, heb i hynny arwain at oedi./Correspondence in Welsh is welcomed, and we will respond in Welsh without it leading to a delay.

