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Wrexham County Borough Council
The Guildhall
Wrexham
LL11 1AY

Date: 29 February 2024

Dear Ms Perkins,

PROPOSAL: CHANGE OF USE OF BUILDING FROM CLASS B1 (OFFICE) TO CLASS A1 (BEAUTY SALON)

LOCATION: BRIDGE HOUSE, STATION ROAD, ROSSETT, WREXHAM, LL12 0HE

Thank you for consulting Cyfoeth Naturiol Cymru (CNC)/Natural Resources Wales (NRW) about the above, which we received on 14 February 2024.

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

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](#) (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.

However, recognising the specific nature of the application submitted and the additional submitted information we are satisfied that it 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.

Flood Risk

Our Flood Risk Map confirms the application site lies entirely within Zone C1 of the Development Advice Maps (DAM) as contained in Technical Advice Note (TAN) 15: Development and Flood Risk (2004). The Flood Map for Planning identifies the application site to be at risk of flooding and falls into Flood Zone 3 (Rivers).

Given the nature of the proposed development (and in the absence of a flood consequences assessment) we consider the proposals could be acceptable, subject to the developer being made aware of the potential flood risks and advised to install flood-proofing measures as part of the development.

In areas at risk of flooding, we recommend that consideration be given to the incorporation of flood resistance/resilience measures into the design and construction of the development. These could include flood barriers on ground floor doors, windows and access points, implementation of suitable flood proofing measures to the internal fabric of the ground floor and locating electrical sockets/components at a higher level above possible flood levels.

We refer the applicant to our [website](#) for further advice and guidance. Additional guidance including the leaflet “Prepare your Property for flooding” can be found [here](#).

The developer can also access advice and information on protection from flooding from the ODPM publication ‘Preparing for Floods: Interim Guidance for Improving the Flood Resistance of Domestic and Small Business Properties’ [here](#).

Protected Species

We note that there is no information about protected species with the application and, therefore, are assuming that your Authority has screened the application and concluded that there is not a reasonable likelihood of protected species being present.

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 sincerely,

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