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Wrexham County Borough Council
The Guildhall
Wrexham
LL11 1AY

Dyddiad/Date: 19 April 2024

Dear Sharon Holman,

BWRIAD/PROPOSAL: Newid defnydd uned wag I ddosbarth d2 (campfa) / Change of use of vacant unit to class d2 (gym)

LLEOLIAD/LOCATION: Unit 5, Pandy Business Park, Pandy, Wrexham, LL11 2UD

Thank you for consulting Cyfoeth Naturiol Cymru (CNC)/Natural Resources Wales (NRW) about the above, which we received on 02 April 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, i.e. relocation of an existing gym within the same Five Fords WWTW sewer catchment, and is a development "intended to provide services, facilities, commercial sites, or places of employment (e.g., community buildings, schools etc.) for a local population already served by residential connections to existing public or private sewers discharging within the SAC river catchment", 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. However if you disagree with this, please re-consult us.

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 faithfully,

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