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Eich cyf/Your ref: P/2023/0604

Wrexham County Borough Council
The Guildhall
Wrexham
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Dyddiad/Date: 12 October 2023

Annwyl Syr/Madam/Dear Sir/Madam,

**BWRIAD/PROPOSAL: CODI GORCHUDD AR STORFA SLYRI PRESENNOL A'R
HOLL WAITH CYSYLLTIEDIG / ERECTION OF COVERING
TO EXISTING SLURRY STORE AND ALL ASSOCIATED
WORKS**

**LLEOLIAD/LOCATION: HALGHTON LODGE FARM, WHITCHURCH ROAD,
HALGHTON, BANGOR ON DEE**

Thank you for consulting Cyfoeth Naturiol Cymru (CNC)/Natural Resources Wales (NRW) about the above, which we received on 27 September 2023.

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

Protected Sites - 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.

We note from the information submitted that the proposal involves the installation of a roof over an existing slurry store to comply with storage requirements as laid down in the Water Resources (Control of Agricultural Pollution) (Wales) Regulations 2021. Provided the structure is not linked to an increase in livestock numbers (and would not provide the capacity for an increase in livestock numbers in the future) and is built to meet the standards set in the Regulations, it is unlikely to increase the amount of phosphorus entering the catchment and therefore, it is not likely to have a significant effect on the River Dee and Bala Lake SAC.

All slurry/manure/contaminated water produced should continue to be managed in line with the Regulations. The slurry/manure should be applied to land in accordance with a suitable manure management plan (MMP) based on an underlying nutrient management plan (NMP). We refer you to our Planning Advice.

Provided this guidance is followed and you are able to conclude that the development is not likely to have a significant effect on the SAC, we have no objection to the proposal. However, should you conclude that the proposed development is likely to have a significant effect on the SAC, please consult us on your Appropriate Assessment under Regulation 63 of the Conservation of Habitats and Species Regulations 2017 (as amended).

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.

Yn gywir / Yours faithfully

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