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Eich cyf/Your ref: P/2023/0732

Wrexham County Borough Council  
The Guildhall  
Wrexham  
LL11 1AY

Date: 08 December 2023

Madam/Dear Sir/Madam,

**PROPOSAL: Extension to external home office**

**LOCATION: 3 The Gardens, Holt, Wrexham, LL13 9JW**

Thank you for consulting Cyfoeth Naturiol Cymru (CNC)/Natural Resources Wales (NRW) about the above, which we received on 07 December 2023.

**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 21<sup>st</sup> 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 the application, as submitted, proposes a domestic extension – an extension to an external home office, i.e. an extension to a dwelling house comprising a single household. We refer you to our Planning Advice and the section titled ‘What does this mean for domestic extensions?’

Ultimately it is a matter of judgment for you, as Competent Authority, to satisfy yourselves that the proposed development will not result in a significant effect on the SAC. Therefore, should your Authority conclude that the proposal is likely to have a significant effect on the River Dee and Bala Lake 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.

Yours faithfully,

## **Tristan Williams**

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Cyfoeth Naturiol Cymru/Natural Resources Wales

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