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Annwyl Syr/Madam / Dear Sir/Madam,

BWRIAD / PROPOSAL: ERECTION OF STEEL FRAMED BUILDING FOR CATTLE, PARLOUR AND DAIRY

LLEOLIAD / LOCATION: THE BROOK, EGLWYS CROSS, WHITCHURCH

Thank you for consulting Cyfoeth Naturiol Cymru / Natural Resources Wales about the above, which we received on 12.06.2023.

We have concerns with the application as submitted because inadequate information has been provided in support of the proposal. To overcome these concerns, you should seek further information from the applicant regarding foul drainage. If this information is not provided, we would object to this planning application. Further details are provided below.

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](#) (July 2022), 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 that an agricultural shed is proposed which will include cattle housing, a milking parlour and dairy.

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- Confirmation of whether development would lead to any increase in stock.
- A plan of the proposed site that indicates all of the new and existing features that will control pollution from the development, including:
 - clean and foul drains (with direction of flow),
 - effluent containment (including capacity),
 - any constructed soak away,
 - French drains, and
 - new or existing sustainable drainage including swales, reed beds or ponds.
- Confirmation the new building will be compliant with the Water Resources (Control of Agricultural Pollution) (Wales) Regulations 2021..

If this information is not provided, we would object to this planning application.

For further advice see: [Natural Resources Wales / What to provide with your planning application for an agricultural development](#)

Protected Species

Our records show there may be protected species in the vicinity of the site (Great Crested Newts).

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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