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Eich cyf/Your ref: P/2023/0737

Wrexham County Borough Council  
The Guildhall  
Wrexham  
LL11 1AY

Date: 02 November 2023

Dear Sir/Madam,

**PROPOSAL: OUTLINE APPLICATION FOR 2 SEMI DETACHED DWELLINGS AND ASSOCIATED WORKS**

**LOCATION: SMITHY VIEW SERVICE STATION, CHESTER ROAD, WREXHAM, LL12 8DY**

Thank you for consulting Cyfoeth Naturiol Cymru (CNC)/Natural Resources Wales (NRW) about the above, which we received on 26 October 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 protected sites. 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 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 from the information submitted that the development has the potential to increase the amount of phosphorus being discharged from the site. As such, we refer you to our Planning Advice and advise you to seek further information from the applicant. We note that no information has been submitted with the application as it is outline, however, Dŵr Cymru/Welsh Water have confirmed that they have a permit. We advise you to seek further information as identified in the section titled 'What does this mean for development proposals involving connection to public wastewater treatment works'.

Provided this advice is followed and you are able to conclude that the development is not likely to have a significant effect on the SAC, we would 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.

Yours faithfully

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