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Wrexham County Borough Council
The Guildhall
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Dyddiad/Date: 14 November 2023

Annwyl Syr/Madam/Dear Sir/Madam,

BWRIAD/PROPOSAL: Cais amlinellol ar gyfer codi annedd (cadw pob mater)/
Outline application for erection of dwelling (all matters reserved)

LLEOLIAD/LOCATION: LAND AT WERN COTTAGE WERN BERSHAM WREXHAM

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

This application for the erection of a dwelling proposes connection of foul water to the mains sewer (as confirmed by the planning case officer via email received 02.11.23). Part of the information set out in the section titled 'What does this mean for development proposals involving connection to public wastewater treatment works' has been submitted with the application. However, we advise that scale plans showing the location of the nearest public sewer and proposed connection point is submitted to support the application.

Your Authority will need to take the above into account in your determination of whether the development is likely to have a significant effect on the SAC. Should you determine that an Appropriate Assessment is required, the Applicant will then need to submit whatever evidence they deem appropriate (seeking advice from consultants as may be necessary) to demonstrate no adverse effect on site integrity. You should then consult us on your Appropriate Assessment under Regulation 63 of the Conservation of Habitats and Species Regulations 2017 (as amended).

Ultimately, the suitability of foul drainage arrangements for the proposed development is a matter for your Authority to determine.

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.

Protected Landscape

The development is situated within 8m name of the Clwydian range and Dee Valley Area of Outstanding Natural Beauty. We note that there is no information regarding landscape assessments with the application and therefore, we are assuming that your Authority has screened the application and concluded that any impacts on landscape are unlikely and the proposal is in line with Planning Policy Wales (PPW 11) [Planning policy Wales GOV.WALES](https://gov.wales/planning-policy-wales). If you require further advice, then please reconsult us.

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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Croesewir gohebiaeth yn Gymraeg a byddwn yn ymateb yn Gymraeg, heb i hynny arwain at oedi./Correspondence in Welsh is welcomed, and we will respond in Welsh without it leading to a delay.

