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Dear Sir/Madam,

PROPOSAL: CHANGE OF USE OF THIRD FLOOR TO FLAT

LOCATION: 30 HIGH STREET, WREXHAM, LL13 8HY

Thank you for consulting Cyfoeth Naturiol Cymru / Natural Resources Wales about the additional information regarding the above, which we received on 25 January 2023.

We continue to have concerns with the application as submitted because inadequate information has been provided in support of the proposal. To overcome these concerns, further consideration is required regarding foul drainage. 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 this application for change of use of a third floor to a flat proposes connection of foul water to the mains sewer. We advise that you also seek scale plans showing the location of the nearest public sewer and proposed connection point, as set out in the section of our Planning Advice titled 'What does this mean for development proposals involving connection to public wastewater treatment works'.

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 the ecological report submitted in support of the above application (Preliminary Roost Assessment and Bat Emergence and Re-entry Surveys 30 & 31 High Street, Wrexham LL13 8HY. Arbtech. 15/12/2022.) has identified that protected species are not present at the application site. We therefore have no comments to make on the application as submitted regarding protected species and advise that you liaise with your own Authority's ecologist.

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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