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Dear Sir/Madam,

**PROPOSAL: ERECTION OF LIVESTOCK BUILDING AND ALL ASSOCIATED WORKS**

**LOCATION: RIDLEYWOOD FARM, HOLT ROAD, RIDLEYWOOD**

Thank you for consulting Cyfoeth Naturiol Cymru / Natural Resources Wales about the above, which we received on 19/04/2023.

**We have no objection to the proposed development as submitted and provide the following advice.**

#### **Foul Drainage and Protected Site**

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](#) (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 from the information submitted that a new livestock building is to be built, to improve welfare facilities on the holding. This would constitute an improvement on existing arrangements; it would not result in any change to the number of livestock or volume of foul discharge from the site and therefore there would be no increase in phosphorus contribution. As such, it is not likely to have a significant effect on the River Dee and Bala Lake SAC. All slurry/manure/contaminated water produced should continue to be managed in line with the Regulations.

The slurry/manure should be applied to land in accordance with a suitable manure management plan (MMP) based on an underlying nutrient management plan (NMP). We refer you to our Planning Advice. Provided this guidance is followed and you are able to conclude that the development is not likely to have a significant effect on the SAC, we 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).

Any slurry/manure produced should be managed in line with The Water Resources (Control of Agricultural Pollution) (Wales) Regulations 2021 and [Code of Good Agricultural Practice guidance](#). Any new channels or pipes to an existing slurry storage system must comply with the Regulations 2021 and we should be informed of any substantial changes at least 14 days before construction begins. Further information on what we require is available on our website at [Natural Resources Wales / Silage and slurry storage](#).

### **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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