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Dear Sir/Madam,

PROPOSAL: INSTALLATION OF 2 PODS FOR HOLIDAY LET WITH PARKING TO EACH SIDE OF POD

LOCATION: ZENITH POINT, PEN Y BRYN, PEN Y CAE, LL14 1TY

Thank you for consulting Cyfoeth Naturiol Cymru / Natural Resources Wales about the above, which we received on 30th November 2021.

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.

We also advise that based on the information submitted to date, the document identified below should be included in the approved plans and documents condition on the decision notice. Without the inclusion of this document we would object to this planning application.

- Susan Worsfold, 18th September 2021, Ecological Appraisal and Impact Assessment at Zenith Point.

Foul Drainage and Protected Sites

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. As part of this package, we issued a [Planning Position Statement](#), in which we advised that any proposed development that might increase the amount of phosphate (or phosphorus) within a river SAC catchment could lead to damaging effects to the SAC. Therefore, such

proposals should be screened through a Habitats Regulations Assessment (HRA), to determine whether they are likely to have a significant effect on the SAC. We have also issued [Planning Advice](#) (May 2021) which gives specific advice in respect of foul drainage arrangements for new developments.

We note from the information submitted that a new septic tank is to be installed to provide foul drainage for the two pods. As such, we refer you to our [Planning Advice](#) and advise you to seek further information from the applicant. We note that information has already been submitted in respect of the type of foul drainage to be utilised. However, we advise you to seek further information as identified in the section titled 'What does this mean for development proposals involving private sewage treatment systems' of that advice.

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 the ecological report submitted in support of the above application (Susan Worsfold, 18th September 2021, Ecological Appraisal and Impact Assessment at Zenith Point) has identified that bats are foraging and commuting at the application site, and it may also have potential for Great Crested Newts. Bats and Great Crested Newts along with their breeding and resting places are protected under the Conservation of Habitats and Species Regulations 2017 (as amended).

We consider that the development is not likely to be detrimental to the maintenance of the population of the species concerned at a favourable conservation status in their natural range.

Furthermore, we advise that the proposed development is not likely to harm or disturb the protected species or any breeding sites and resting places at this site, provided the avoidance measures described in the ecological report are implemented.

The report must be included in the 'approved list of plans / documents' condition within the decision notice should consent for the project be granted.

Please consult us again if any further information shows that this is no longer a lower risk case.

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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