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Annwyl Syr/Madam / Dear Sir/Madam,

BWRIAD / PROPOSAL: CODI TO RHWNG DAU ADEILAD AMAETHYDDOL A CHODI GORCHUDD DROS Y PIT SLYRI / ERECTION OF ROOF BETWEEN TWO AGRICULTURAL BUILDINGS AND ERECTION OF COVER TO SLURRY PIT

LLEOLIAD / LOCATION: CEFN UCHAF NANTYR LLANGOLLEN WREXHAM

Thank you for consulting Cyfoeth Naturiol Cymru / Natural Resources Wales about the above, which we received on 13/04/2022.

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

Pollution of Controlled Waters

- Cover to Slurry Pit

We understand this proposal is to improve the existing slurry management system on the farm to conform with the requirements of The Water Resources (Control of Agricultural Pollution) (Wales) Regulations 2021, The storage requirements of these Regulations come into force on 1 August 2024. The structure is not to accommodate an increase in stock number.

We understand this proposal is to construct a roof over the existing slurry pit which will reduce the amount of dirty water produced reducing the overall amount to be managed.

The addition of a roof is not covered by the Regulations but will reduce the amount of dirty water produced reducing the amount to be managed. Installation of the roof must not compromise any part of the slurry pit's structure.

We advise that the proposal follows the [Code of Good Agricultural Practice guidance](#).

- Roof over existing yard

We understand this proposal is to construct a roof over the existing yard which will reduce the amount of dirty water produced reducing the overall amount of slurry to be managed. We advise that the proposal follows the [Code of Good Agricultural Practice guidance](#).

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 refer you to our [Planning Advice](#) (May 2021). Provided this guidance and our comments in the section above are 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).

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 further queries, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Yn gywir / Yours faithfully,

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