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Dear Sir/Madam,

**PROPOSAL: EXTENSIONS TO AGRICULTURAL BUILDING**

**LOCATION: WOODCROFT, HOLLYBUSH, BANGOR ON DEE, WREXHAM, LL13 0BH**

Thank you for consulting Cyfoeth Naturiol Cymru / Natural Resources Wales about the above, which we received on 1<sup>st</sup> December 2021.

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

**Protected Sites**

We note the application site is within the catchment of the River Dee 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. 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.

However, the application as submitted is unlikely to increase the amount of phosphorus entering the catchment. Therefore, we are satisfied that the proposal is not likely to have a significant effect on the River Dee SAC.

**Agriculture**

We note that it is not the Applicant's intention to increase stock numbers and that the development is intended to improve the welfare facilities for current stock levels.

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](#).

## **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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