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Dear Mr Ashley,

**BWRIAD / PROPOSAL: ERECTION OF SLURRY TOWER, CATTLE BUILDING,
LOOSE YARD EXTENSION**

**LLEOLIAD / LOCATION: HIGHFIELD FARM, GREEN LANE, HALTON, CHIRK,
LL14 5NR**

Thank you for consulting Cyfoeth Naturiol Cymru / Natural Resources Wales about the above, which we received on 19/05/2022.

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

Protected Site – River catchment

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 note from the information submitted that a new slurry tower is to be installed to comply with storage requirements as laid down in the Water Resources (Control of Agricultural Pollution)(Wales) Regulations 2021, along with a roof extension to the existing cubicle building and an extension to the existing loose cattle yard to provide improved welfare facilities for livestock. We also note from the information submitted there appears to be no increase in stock numbers and our response is based on that understanding. If that is not correct, we would wish to be reconsulted.

Provided the structures are designed and built by a suitably qualified engineer to meet the standards set in the Regulations and BS 5502 (Building and Structures for Agriculture Code of Practice for Design, Construction and Loading), the proposal is unlikely to increase the amount of phosphorus entering the catchment and therefore, it is not likely to have a significant effect on the River Dee and Bala Lake SAC.

We refer you to our [Planning Advice](#) (May 2021). 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).

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.

Yn gywir / Yours sincerely,

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