

P 2021 0884 CAS-168780-C2Q0 ASH Waste, Redwither Road, Wrexham Ind Estate NRW:08540710

Hi Simon,

Thank you for your email enquiring whether this application can be screened out for the purposes of having no adverse impacts on the SAC in terms of phosphates and also the email dated 15th December to the applicant regarding employment applications in terms of SAC guidance.

'Employment applications' – We do not have a confirmed approach specific to applications involving employment, these applications are assessed on a site by site basis and if there is an increase in numbers of staff being employed on site then this would be a trigger for us requiring further information in relation to potential adverse impacts on the phosphate sensitive catchment.

For this site, Section 18 of the application form outlines details of existing staff and proposed staff: the existing full-time staff is 5 with 1 part-time whereas the proposed will be 8 full-time and 2 part-time. The proposals will result in an increase of staff on site therefore we see this an increase in phosphorous entering the catchment and this is why we had requested further information in the original consultation response dated 1st October 2021 (our ref: CAS-165848-Y1T4).

Other 'employment applications' nearby have been able to be screened out due to there being no increase in staff and also no other factors that could lead to an increase in the amount of phosphorous entering the catchment.

During the re-consultation it was confirmed that DCWW had the required consent in place for phosphate stripping and also had capacity for the additional loading. Our response dated 19th October 2021 acknowledged this and advised that further consideration of the proposals would be required by the LPA in relation to carrying out the appropriate assessment.

As per our [Planning Advice](#), development connecting to an existing public wastewater treatment works that has the capacity and associated phosphorus stripping facility to accommodate additional wastewater is unlikely to increase phosphorus inputs to a SAC beyond what has already been assessed and permitted by NRW. However, your authority, should examine the appropriate assessments carried out in respect of the extant environmental permit(s), along with any new information or changes in circumstances, to ensure that adverse effect on site integrity can be ruled out.

Ultimately, the suitability of foul drainage arrangements for the proposed development is a matter for your Authority to determine.

Should your Authority conclude that the proposal is likely to have a significant effect on the River Dee SAC, please consult us on your appropriate assessment under Regulation 63 of the Conservation of Habitats and Species Regulations 2017 (as amended).

Kind regards,

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