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Dear Mr Greenland,

We refer to your consultation dated 14th March 2022. We have no objection to the proposed development as submitted and provide the following advice.

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.

However, recognising the specific nature of the application submitted, i.e extension to imaging department to allow for enlargement and refurbishment of the CT scanner area (as noted within the application form with same number of employees), we are satisfied that it 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 and Bala Lake SAC.

If you have any queries please do not hesitate to contact me.

Kind Regards,

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