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Annwyl Syr/Madam / Dear Sir/Madam,

**BWRIAD / PROPOSAL: DEMOLITION OF EXISTING COMMUNITY CENTRE AND
ERECTION OF A BLOCK OF 19 APARTMENTS, ACCESS AND PARKING**

**LLEOLIAD / LOCATION: COMMUNITY CENTRE, KINGSLEY CIRCLE, EATON DRIVE,
WREXHAM, LL13 9HG (MAJOR)**

Thank you for consulting Cyfoeth Naturiol Cymru / Natural Resources Wales about the above, which we received on 05/11/2021

We have concerns with the application as submitted because inadequate information has been provided in support of the proposal. To overcome these concerns, further consideration is required regarding foul drainage. Further details are provided below.

Protected Sites and Foul Drainage

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 phosphate 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 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 have also issued [Planning Advice](#) (May 2021) which gives specific advice in respect of foul drainage arrangements for new developments.

We note from the information submitted that the development has the potential to increase the volume or concentration of wastewater and associated phosphate levels being discharged from the site via mains sewer connection. However, we note that a submitted email from Welsh Water dated 26/11/2021 confirms that the development site would drain to Five Fords wastewater treatment works, which has capacity to treat the additional

wastewater and phosphorus from the proposed development within the existing discharge permit limits.

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. Should you need to obtain a copy of the relevant appropriate assessment, please contact us.

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 and Bala Lake SAC, please consult us on your appropriate assessment under Regulation 63 of the Conservation of Habitats and Species Regulations 2017 (as amended).

Protected Species

An ecological report submitted in support of the application (Land off Eaton Road Wrexham, Preliminary Ecological Assessment. Anthony Nicholson Ecology. 20/05/2019) concluded that bats were not using the building. We have no further comments to make on this matter.

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 faithfully,

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