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Department of Community, Wellbeing
and Development
Wrexham Council
16 Lord Street
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17th February 2016

FAO: Sharon Holman

Dear Ms Holman,

**Erection of 5 no. industrial units (B1, B2 and B8 uses) / associated access road and parking (Further info)
North of CTM Wholesale, Croesfoel Industrial Estate, Rhostyllen**

Thank you for consulting Natural Resources Wales regarding the above proposal, which was received on the 2nd February 2016. . NRW has the following comments:

Natural Resources Wales brings together the work of the Countryside Council for Wales, Environment Agency Wales and Forestry Commission Wales, as well as some functions of Welsh Government. Our purpose is to ensure that the natural resources of Wales are sustainably maintained, used and enhanced, now and in the future.

Natural Resources Wales has no objection to the scheme.

As outlined in NRW's previous response, we note that there is some potential for tree disturbance from the scheme and there are records for both brown long eared and pipistrelle bats locally, within 500m. Bats and their roosts are protected under the Conservation of Habitats and Species Regulations 2010 (as amended) and the Wildlife and Countryside Act 1981 (as amended). We advise that you should consult your internal ecologist with regards to the potential impact of the proposed development on the favourable conservation status of populations of bats.

Should your ecologist advise that further information is required in order to assess the likely impact of the development on bat species, NRW would wish to be re-consulted on the protected species assessments supporting the planning application.

However, please note that we have not considered possible effects on all species and habitats listed in section 42 of the Natural Environment and Rural Communities (NERC) Act 2006, or on the Local Biodiversity Action Plan or other local natural heritage interests. To comply with your authority's duty under section 40 of the NERC Act, to have regard to conserving biodiversity, your decision should take account of possible adverse effects on such interests. We recommend that you seek further advice from your authority's internal ecological adviser and/or nature conservation organisations such as the local Wildlife Trust, RSPB, etc. The Wales Biodiversity Partnership's web site has guidance for assessing

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proposals that have implications for section 42 habitats and species (www.biodiversitywales.org.uk).

We refer you to the 'Guidance notes for developers' that is attached. We request that a copy of the guidance notes is provided to the applicants with any permission given for the proposal.

Please do not hesitate to contact us if we can be of any further assistance to you or if you wish clarification on the above.

Yours sincerely,

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