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Department of Community, Wellbeing
and Development
Wrexham Council
16 Lord Street
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11th February 2016

Dear Sir/ Madam,

**BRON HEULOG, CASTLE MILL, CHIRK
ERECTION OF DOUBLE CAR PORT WITH EXTERNAL STAIR CASE LEADING TO
FIRST FLOOR STORAGE ROOM**

Thank you for consulting Natural Resources Wales regarding the above proposal. 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.

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

The proposal is within or may affect the Vale of Clwyd and Dee Valley Area of Outstanding Natural Beauty. We remind you of your Authority's duty under Section 85 of the Countryside and Rights of Way Act 2000 which requires public bodies to have regard to the purposes of conserving and enhancing the natural beauty of the AONB. The statutory purposes of Areas of Outstanding Natural Beauty are conservation and enhancement of natural beauty.

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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