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Dear Sir/Madam,

PROPOSAL: INFILL AND COLD STORE EXTENSIONS 1. EXTRA DOCK AND FIRST FLOOR OFFICE AND ENGINEERING WORKSHOP EXTENSIONS, NEW ACCESS ONTO ASH ROAD AND ASSOCIATED CAR PARKING

LOCATION: ROWAN FOODS LTS, OSCAR MAYER LTS, ASH ROAD, SOUTH WREXHAM IND ESTATE, WREXHAM

Thank you for consulting Cyfoeth Naturiol Cymru / Natural Resources Wales about the above, which we received on 9th July 2020.

We have significant concerns with the proposed development as submitted. We recommend you should only grant planning permission if the following requirement is met. Otherwise, we would object to this planning application.

Requirement 1: Protected Species: We advise that further information is required to assess the extent of adverse effects on European Protected Species (Bats and Great Crested Newts), and any avoidance or mitigation measures required

European Protected Species

We note that the planning application is supported by an ecological submission (reference, Knight, T. (2020). Proposed Grassland Management Regime at Rowan Foods Ltd, Ash Road South, Wrexham Industrial Estate. Marches Ecology. Unpublished) concerning management of the grassland habitats at the application site.

Whilst we welcome the proposed grassland management regime, we consider the ecological report currently does not contain sufficient information to assess potential effects on European Protected Species (Bats and Great Crested Newts), and how any effects will be avoided or mitigated.

Requirement 1: Protected Species: We advise that further information is required to assess the extent of adverse effects on European Protected Species (Bats and Great Crested Newts), and any avoidance or mitigation measures required.

This must demonstrate that the proposed development would not be likely to be detrimental to the maintenance of the population of the species concerned at a favourable conservation status in its natural range.

We advise that the an updated report is submitted that includes the following

- European protected species, with specific reference to great crested newt;
- Biosecurity;
- Ecological compliance audit if required following survey/assessment
- Ecological avoidance mitigation, compensation and enhancement measures, including proposals already submitted. Components of the overall ecological submission to include long term management with associated surveillance.

In the meantime, we are unable to give you any assurance that the proposal would not be likely to be detrimental to the maintenance of the population of the species concerned at a favourable conservation status in its natural range.

Flood Risk

The site lies on the boundary of Zone C2 as defined by the Development Advice Map (DAM) referred to under Technical Advice Note (TAN) 15 Development and Flood Risk (July 2004). Our Flood Map confirms the site to be located on the boundary of the 1% (1 in 100) annual exceedance probability (AEP) event flood outline.

The development proposal is for the extension of an existing building which occupies the site. The extension would be located to the north/west of the building.

We advise that you consult with the Lead Local Flood Authority (LLFA), who will be able to advise on local flood risk issues.

We note that the 'Drainage Plan' prepared by Rigby and Partners (P2020-05 001 P1) shows a surface water drainage connection which appears to discharge into Redwither Brook, which is a Main River. This connection may be subject to a Flood Risk Activity Permit or Exemption. Further information can be found here: <https://naturalresources.wales/permits-and-permissions/flood-risk-activities/flood-risk-activity-permits-information/?lang=en>

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.

Advice for the Developer

Works near Watercourse / Construction or Demolition sites

Due to the proximity of the site to watercourses, all works at the site must be carried out in accordance with GPP5 and PPG6: 'Works in, near or over watercourses' and 'Working at construction and demolition sites' which are available on the following website: <http://www.netregs.org.uk/environmental-topics/pollution-prevention-guidelines-ppgs-and-replacement-series/guidance-for-pollution-prevention-gpps-full-list/>

Waste Regulation

Waste produced during the construction phase of your development must be dealt with appropriately and be in line with all relevant waste legislation including Duty of Care Regulations and Hazardous Waste Regulations. As part of your waste duty of care you must classify the waste produced:

- before it is collected, disposed of or recovered
- to identify the controls that apply to the movement of the waste
- to complete waste documents and records
- to identify suitably authorised waste management options
- to prevent harm to people and the environment.

Any waste removed from site will be subject to waste management controls. The links below provided information on how to classify waste and register as a waste carrier or hazardous waste producer:

<http://naturalresources.wales/waste/how-to-classify-and-assess-waste/?lang=en>

<http://naturalresources.wales/apply-for-a-permit/waste/?lang=en>

Further guidance can be found on the GOV website here:

<https://www.gov.uk/managing-your-waste-an-overview/duty-of-care>

Surface Water Drainage

We refer the developer to the Environment Agency (2017) 'Approach to groundwater protection' position statements which have been adopted by Natural Resources Wales. In particular the developer should be aware of the advice under Position Statements G11 (Discharges from areas subject to contamination) and G13 (sustainable drainage systems) applies to this development.

If you have any queries on the above, please do not hesitate to contact us.

Yours faithfully

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