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For the attention of Sharon Holman

02/11/2020

Dear Mrs Holman,

PROPOSAL: Demolish stable block and erection of replacement stable block

LOCATION: Knolton Hall, Oswestry Road, Overton, Wrexham

Thank you for consulting Cyfoeth Naturiol Cymru / Natural Resources Wales about the above, which we received on 14/10/2020.

We have significant concerns with the proposed development as submitted. We recommend you should only grant planning permission if you include the following document within the condition identifying approved plans and documents on the decision notice:

- Arbor Vitae. Preliminary Ecological Appraisal - Knolton Hall. Undated document (survey undertaken on 28.02.2019)

Protected Species

We note that the bat report submitted in support of the above application (Arbor Vitae. Preliminary Ecological Appraisal - Knolton Hall. Undated document. Survey undertaken on 28.02.2019) has identified that brown long eared bats are present at the application site and also evidence of great crested newt (GCN) presence in a pond at the property. Bats and GCNs and their breeding and resting places are protected under the Conservation of Habitats and Species Regulations 2017.

In view of the information provided, we consider that the development is not likely to be detrimental to the maintenance of the population of the species concerned at a favourable conservation status in its natural range.

Furthermore, we advise that the proposed development is not likely to harm or disturb the GCNs and bats or their breeding sites and resting places at this site, provided the avoidance and mitigation measures described in the Preliminary Ecological Appraisal are implemented.

The applicant is advised that in the event of protected species being found during development, all work should stop and they should contact the ecologist or a NRW Species Officer on 0300 065 3000 for further advice.

The report must be included in the 'approved list of plans / documents' condition within the decision notice should consent for the project be granted.

Please consult us again if any further information shows that this is no longer a lower risk case.

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

Foul Drainage:

Our comments on private sewerage systems are made on the understanding that no public foul sewer is available to serve the development. The Applicant should note, it is a legal requirement to apply for an environmental permit or register an exemption with us. Septic tanks and small sewage treatment works may be registered as exempt from the requirement to obtain an environmental permit if certain criteria are met. Please note, should a permit be required, further information may be required as part of that application and the Applicant is therefore advised to hold pre-application discussions with our Permitting Team on 0300 065 3000, at the earliest opportunity, to try to ensure that there is no conflict between any planning permission granted and the permit requirements.

If the Applicant already holds an exemption / permit, they should check whether the proposed increase in flows would require a further application to be made for a new / varied permit. It is important to note that a grant of planning permission does not guarantee that a permit will be granted, should a proposal be deemed to be unacceptable (either because of environmental risk or because upon further investigation, a connection to mains sewer was feasible). The Applicant should ensure that they have all the required permissions, consents, permits and any other approvals in place prior to commencement of works on the site.

More information, including a step by step guide to registering and the relevant application forms are available on our [website](#). Where private sewage treatment/disposal facilities are utilised, they must be installed and maintained in accordance with British Standard 6297 and Approved Document H of the Building Regulations. We also refer the Applicant to Guidance for Pollution Prevention 4 on the [NetRegs website](#), which provides further information.

Environmental Management:

All works at the site must be carried out in accordance with PPG6: 'Working at construction and demolition sites' and GPP24: 'Stables, kennels, catteries' 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/>

Construction Waste:

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 provide information on how to classify waste and register as a waste carrier or hazardous waste producer:

<https://naturalresources.wales/permits-and-permissions/waste/?lang=en>

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Further guidance can be found on the GOV website here:

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

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

Yours faithfully,

Joy Evans

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