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Dear Sharon Holman,

PROPOSAL: DISCHARGE OF CONDITIONS 4 (DUST MANAGEMENT), 5 (SITE LAYOUT), 6 (TRAFFIC MANAGEMENT), 7, 13 AND 14 (ECOLOGY), AND 8 (DRAINAGE) OF OUTLINE PLANNING PERMISSION P/2016/1118

LOCATION: Big Green Farm, Ellesmere Lane, Penley, Wrexham

Thank you for consulting Cyfoeth Naturiol Cymru / Natural Resources Wales about the above, which we received on 02/11/2020.

We have significant concerns with the application as submitted. We do not recommend your Authority discharges conditions 7 for the following reasons.

Protected Species

- Great Crested Newts

We consider the proposed bat report (reference Anon. (2020). Big Green Farm, Penley: Amphibian Method Statement. Elite Ecology. Unpublished) to be unsatisfactory for the following reasons:

- No one way amphibian fencing is proposed as an 'avoidance' measure;
- The report states in section 3 "If any amphibians are found within trenches dug into the ground, the licenced ecologist shall be contacted, and these amphibians translocated to the chosen site. In addition to this, if any great crested newts (*Triturus cristatus*) are found during the construction phase, then works will stop immediately and the licenced ecologist contacted." In our view this section is ambiguous in terms of unlicensed relocation of great crested newts. Any relocation of great crested newt must, in our view be carried out under license.; and
- No biosecurity risk assessments or prescriptions

We advise that insufficient information has been submitted and therefore Condition 7 should not be discharged until the necessary information is provided.

- Bats

We consider the proposed bat report (reference Anon. (2019). Big Green Farm, Penley: Bat Method Statement. Elite Ecology. Unpublished) to be satisfactory, we have no objection to the discharge of condition 13.

Biosecurity

We consider that the information submitted in respect of the discharge of Condition 4 (Biosecurity Risk Assessment, 29/7/2020, V1, Erlas Development) is satisfactory and we have no objection to the discharge of this condition.

We have no comment to make on the discharge of conditions 5, 6, 8 or 14, as these are not conditions requested by NRW.

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.

Yours sincerely,

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