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For the attention of Mared Rees-Jones

Dear Mared,

**BWRIAD / PROPOSAL: APPLICATION FOR OUTLINE PLANNING PERMISSION
FOR 19 NO. HOLIDAY LODGES, RECEPTION BUILDINGS AND
ANCILLARY WORKS ON LAND ADJACENT TO HANMER ARMS**

**LLEOLIAD / LOCATION: Hanmer Arms, Hanmer Village Road, Hanmer,
Witchurch**

Thank you for consulting Natural Resources Wales (NRW) about the above, which was received on 24/09/2019.

We have significant concerns with the proposed development as submitted. We recommend that you should only grant planning permission if the scheme can meet the following requirements and you attach the conditions listed below. Otherwise, we would object to this planning application.

Summary of Requirements Conditions

Requirement 1: Foul drainage – further information is required to demonstrate that either the foul drainage will be discharged to the main sewerage system or that it is not reasonable to connect to the mains.

Condition 1: EPS: External lighting/internal light spillage assessment compliant with the provisions of the Institution of Lighting Professionals and Bat Conservation Trust: Guidance Note 08/18: Bats and Artificial Lighting in the UK.

Condition 2: EPS: All Reasonable Avoidance Measures (RAMs) relating to Great Crested Newts should be secured through planning conditions.

Condition 3: Biosecurity: No development shall take place until a Biosecurity Risk Assessment has been submitted and approved to the satisfaction of the LPA.

Foul Drainage

Requirement 1: Foul drainage – further information is required to demonstrate that either the foul drainage will be discharged to the main sewerage system or that it is not reasonable to connect to the mains.

No information has been submitted regarding the disposal of foul waters from the proposed development. We refer you to Welsh Government Circular 008/2018 on private drainage, specifically paragraphs 2.3-2.5 which stress the first presumption must be to provide a system of foul drainage discharging into a public sewer. Only where having taken into account the cost and/or practicability it can be shown to the satisfaction of the local planning authority that connection to a public sewer is not feasible, should non-mains foul sewage disposal solutions be considered. We note the proposed development is in a publicly sewered area and as such, we would expect the site to connect to the mains sewerage system.

We therefore advise that if they haven't already done so, the Applicant should thoroughly investigate the possibility of connecting to the foul sewer by taking the following steps:

- Formally approach the sewerage undertaker regarding a connection under Section 106 or a requisition under Section 98 of the Water Industry Act (WIA) 1991.
- Serve notice for connection under Section 106 of the WIA 1991 if the sewerage undertaker has refused connection.
- Provide details of the reasons given by the sewerage undertaker if it has refused connection under section 98 or section 106 of the WIA 1991 and confirmation that they have appealed against this decision.
- Demonstrate that it is not reasonable to connect to the public foul sewer.
- Where it is not reasonable to connect to the public foul sewer, demonstrate that they have considered requesting that the sewerage undertaker adopt their proposed system.

The Applicant should be aware that should a connection to the mains sewer not be feasible, they will need to apply for an environmental permit or register an exemption with us. The Applicant must obtain any necessary permit or exemption prior to commencement of work on site. Septic tanks and small sewage treatment works may be registered as exempt from the requirement to obtain an environmental permit if certain criteria is 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. 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 Standards 6297 and Approved Document H of the Building Regulations. We also refer the Applicant to [Pollution Prevention Guideline 4](#) which provides further information.

Please note, lack of capacity or plans to improve capacity in the sewer is not a valid reason for a sewerage undertaker to refuse connection under Section 106 of the Water Industry Act 1991 and we may refuse to issue an environmental permit for private treatment facilities in such circumstances.

Protected Species

We note that ecological information in support of the above application (Phase 1 Habitat Survey and Protected Species Assessment Report for Land at Hanmer Arms, Hanmer, Wrexham, EVR Ecology (2018) and GCN Ecological Impact Assessment, Hanmer Arms, Hanmer Village Road, Hanmer, Wrexham (2018)). In line with the recommendations in the above documents we recommend you include a condition in relation to the lighting scheme for the proposal and Reasonable Avoidance Measures in respect of great crested newts.

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Biosecurity

NRW consider biosecurity to be a material consideration owing to the nature and location of the proposal. In this case, biosecurity issues concern invasive non-native species (INNS) and diseases. We therefore advise that any future consent includes the imposition of a condition requiring the submission and implementation of a Biosecurity Risk Assessment to the satisfaction of the LPA.

Condition 3: Biosecurity: No development shall take place until a Biosecurity Risk Assessment has been submitted and approved to the satisfaction of the LPA.

We consider that this assessment must include

- (i) appropriate measures to control any INNS on site; and
- (ii) measures or actions that aim to prevent INNS being introduced to the site for the duration of construction and operational phases of the scheme.

Protected Sites

From the information provided, we consider that the proposal is not likely to have a significant effect on a SAC, SPA or Ramsar.

We concur with the findings of the Stage 1 HRA Screening Report (Hanmer Arms, Enzygo, 22nd August 2019) submitted by the applicant to the LPA in respect of their application. This is on the basis that the northern arm of the Hanmer Mere SSSI and Ramsar site is an outlet stream from the lake, therefore we consider it unlikely that a development 'downstream' of the water-based feature of the protected sites will be affected by the proposed development.

Our advice may change should modifications be made to the proposed development prior to the determination of the application. If there are any changes to the proposed development which may affect the consideration of potential environmental impacts, please consult us again before you determine the application.

Please do not hesitate to contact us if you require further information or clarification of any of the above.

Other Matters

Our comments above only relate specifically to matters that are listed in our 'Consultation Topics' document (September 2018) which is published on our website: (<https://cdn.naturalresources.wales/media/686847/dpas-consultation-topics-august-2018-eng.pdf?mode=pad&rnd=131819256840000000>). We have not considered potential effects on other matters and do not rule out the potential for the proposed development to affect other interests, including environmental interests of local importance.

The applicant should be advised that, in addition to planning permission, it is their responsibility to ensure that they secure all other permits/consents relevant to their development.

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 produced during construction

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>

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

Further guidance can be found on the GOV website here:

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

Yn gywir / Yours faithfully,

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