

FAO Philip Forster

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Dear Philip,

BWRIAD / PROPOSAL: ERECTION OF STEEL AGRICULTURAL BUILDING (30M X 18M) TO COVER EXISTING CONCRETE YARD / FEED AREA FOR DAIRY COWS
LLEOLIAD / LOCATION: Old Sontley Hall, Sontley, Wrexham

Thank you for consulting Natural Resources Wales (NRW) about the above, which was received on 19/08/2019.

NRW has no objection to the proposal, however we would provide the following comments:

We note that the site is adjacent the Gefeiliau Brook, which flows down to Sontley Marsh SSSI (approximately 1.4km downstream). The applicant has confirmed that there will be no increase in stock numbers, and that the roof water of the new building will be directed into the clean water drains which will feed into Gefeiliau Brook. Subject to adherence of appropriate measures set out in the guidance below, we do not anticipate an impact upon the SSSI.

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

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

Advice to 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/>

Agriculture and Pollution Prevention

The facilities must comply with the Water Resources (Control of Pollution) (Silage, Slurry and Agricultural Fuel Oil) Regulations 2010. Site operators should ensure that there is no possibility of contaminated water entering and polluting surface or groundwater.

Please refer to the link below for further information:

<http://naturalresources.wales/guidance-and-advice/business-sectors/farming/good-farming-practice/?lang=en>

There are new Agricultural Pollution Regulations due in 2020 which will lay down new government policy regarding agriculture which will require your consideration. The Regulations will apply to all holdings from 1 January 2020, with transitional periods for some elements to allow farmers time to adapt and ensure compliance. The regulations will replicate good practice measures focussed on good nutrient management. Further information on what will need to be done and by when will be provided by Welsh Government in the near future.

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 position statements in Section G "Discharge of liquid effluents into the ground" and H "Diffuse (rural) sources of pollution"

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>

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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>

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.

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Yn gywir / Yours sincerely,

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