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**PROPOSAL: ERECTION OF REPLACEMENT DWELLING (PREVIOUSLY APPROVED UNDER PLANNING PERMISSION P/2010/0664)- ADDITIONAL INFORMATION
LOCATION: BRYN RHUG FARM THE WERN BRYMBO WREXHAM**

Thank you for consulting Cyfoeth Naturiol Cymru / Natural Resources Wales about the above, which was received on the 7th of October 2015.

Natural Resources Wales brings together the work of the Countryside Council for Wales, Environment Agency Wales and Forestry Commission Wales, as well as some functions of Welsh Government. Our purpose is to ensure that the natural resources of Wales are sustainably maintained, used and enhanced, now and in the future.

Based on the information provided to date NRW does not object to the proposal. In our opinion, the development as proposed in its current form is not likely to have an adverse effect on the interests listed:

Protected Species

We have received and updated bat survey of the building at Bryn Rhug Farm by Clwydian Ecology (September 30th 2015) . The survey did not find any evidence of bats within or using the building. It is therefore unlikely that bats or their roosts will be impacted upon by the proposed works.

The Authority should ensure that conditions attached to any planning permission issued, ensure that the recommendations within the report are carried out so as to avoid damage

to bats. The applicant should be advised that should bats be discovered at any stage during the works, all work should stop immediately and NRW contacted for further advice. To conclude, in our opinion, the development as proposed in its current form is not likely to have an adverse effect on the interests listed above. NRW does not object to the proposal.

Please note that we have not considered possible effects on all species and habitats listed in section 42 of the Natural Environment and Rural Communities (NERC) Act 2006, or on the Local Biodiversity Action Plan or other local natural heritage interests.

To comply with the local authority's duty under section 40 of the NERC Act, to have regard to conserving biodiversity, your decision should take account of possible adverse effects on such interests. We recommend that you seek further advice from the Local Authority's internal ecological adviser and/or third sector nature conservation organisations such as the local wildlife trust, RSPB, etc. The Wales Biodiversity Partnership's web site has guidance for assessing proposals that have implications for section 42 habitats and species (www.biodiversitywales.org.uk).

Please do not hesitate to contact us if you wish to discuss our comments further or if we can be of any further assistance to you.

Yn gywir / yours faithfully,

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