Cyfoeth Naturiol Cymru
Natural Resources Wales

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Eich cyf/Your ref: P/2025/0608

Wrexham County Borough Council
The Guildhall
Wrexham
LL11 1AY

Date: 11 September 2025

Dear Sir/Madam,

PROPOSAL: CHANGE OF USE OF BUILDING FROM CLASS A2 (FINANCIAL AND PROFESSIONAL SERVICES) TO CLASS A3 (CAFÉ/RESTAURANT)

LOCATION: BANK, BRIDGE ROAD, WREXHAM INDUSTRIAL ESTATE

Thank you for consulting Cyfoeth Naturiol Cymru (CNC)/Natural Resources Wales (NRW) about the above, which we received on 28 August 2025.

We have no objection to the proposed development as submitted and provide the following advice.

Protected Sites

Foul Drainage

We note the application site is within the catchment of the River Dee and Bala Lake Special Area of Conservation (SAC). In line with our *Advice to Planning Authorities for Planning Applications Affecting Nutrient Sensitive River Special Areas of Conservation* (28 June 2024), under the Habitats Regulations, Planning Authorities must consider the impact of proposed developments on water quality within SAC river catchments.

However, recognising the specific nature of the application submitted, and the LPA officer e-mail dated 2nd September 2025 indicating "It is unlikely to attract users from outside of the SAC catchment and would not increase foul water discharges rates in the locality as a whole". We are satisfied that there is unlikely to be a source of additional nutrients and/or a pathway for impacts. As such, in our opinion, it would be reasonable for your Authority to screen out this proposal as not likely to have a significant effect on the River Dee and Bala Lake SAC in relation to nutrient inputs.

Protected Species

No ecological information has been submitted in support of this application. We note that there are records of bats, otters and Great Crested Newts in the vicinity. We recommend you seek the advice of your Authority's internal ecological adviser about the requirement for further information to be submitted in support of the application, the need for bespoke surveys and the scope of further information, where required.

Other Matters

The advice in this letter relates to matters which are included on our consultation topics list. We do not rule out the potential for the proposed development to affect other environmental interests that are not included on this list.

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 faithfully,

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