Cyfoeth Naturiol Cymru
Natural Resources Wales

Ein cyf/Our ref: CAS-291033-F5L6
Eich cyf/Your ref: P/2025/0641

Wrexham County Borough Council
The Guildhall
Wrexham
LL11 1AY

Dyddiad/Date: 31 October 2025

Annwyl Syr/Madam/Dear Sir/Madam,

**BWRIAD/PROPOSAL: CHANGE OF USE OF BUILDING TO STAFF APARTMENTS X 2 AND SINGLE STORY SIDE EXTENSION**

**LLEOLIAD/LOCATION: ASHGROVE, CHESTER ROAD, GRESFORD, WREXHAM, LL12 8PP**

Thank you for consulting Cyfoeth Naturiol Cymru (CNC)/Natural Resources Wales (NRW) about the above, which we received on 21 October 2025.

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

**Protected Species**

We note that the information submitted in support of the above application (Preliminary Ecological Appraisal, The Coach House, Ashgrove House, reference 202/010 A V2, amended July 2024, Worcestershire Wildlife Consultancy) has identified that bats and great created newts are unlikely to be using the application site. We therefore have no comments to make on the application as submitted in respect of protected species.

We recommend that you discuss the need to secure further measures/ avoidance measures with your internal ecological advisor.

**Protected Sites and 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, we note from your email dated 27/10/2025 that you do not consider the proposals to result in an increase in foul drainage, 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.

**Historic landfill**

According to our records the proposed development site is located near to land that is, or has been, used for the deposition of waste material. We would therefore advise you to consult with the local authority's Environmental Health and Building Control Departments, as they may hold detailed records, and may wish to make appropriate recommendations in respect of landfill gas investigation/remedial work. You may also wish to make your own investigations into the presence of landfill gas. It should also be noted that Waste Management Paper 27 states "It has been found that many sites which have taken only supposedly 'inert' waste have produced gas".

**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 about the above, please do not hesitate to contact us.

Yn gywir / Yours faithfully,

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