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Flintshire County Council
County Hall
Mold
CH7 6NB

Dyddiad/Date: 03 November 2025

Annwyl Syr/Madam/Dear Sir/Madam,

BWRIAD/PROPOSAL: LISTED BUILDING CONSENT FOR INTERNAL AND EXTERNAL ALTERATIONS

LLEOLIAD/LOCATION: THE BARN, HIGHER BERSE, HIGHER BERSE ROAD, SOUTHSEA, WREXHAM, LL11 6PW

Thank you for consulting Cyfoeth Naturiol Cymru (CNC)/Natural Resources Wales (NRW) about the above, which we received on 06 October 2025.

We have concerns with the application as submitted. To overcome these concerns, further consideration is required regarding foul drainage. Further details are provided below.

Foul Drainage and Protected Sites

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.

This application proposes the installation of a package treatment plant. Ultimately, the suitability of foul drainage arrangements for the proposed development is a matter for your Authority to determine. However, we are satisfied that our concerns can be overcome by your Authority following our [*Advice*](#) specifically the section titled '*What does this mean for development proposals involving private sewage treatment systems?*'.

We note the submission of the ('Nutrient Neutrality Assessment and Mitigation Strategy' by WCI Group Ltd, dated October 2025) as additional information and therefore advise you to take this assessment and the above advice into account in your determination of whether the development is likely to have a significant effect on the SAC. If it is not possible to screen the development out, an Appropriate Assessment should be undertaken, and we

should be re-consulted. If insufficient information is provided to demonstrate that there will be no adverse effect, we would object to this planning application.

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.

Yn gywir / Yours faithfully,

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Croesewir gohebiaeth yn Gymraeg a byddwn yn ymateb yn Gymraeg, heb i hynny arwain at oedi./Correspondence in Welsh is welcomed, and we will respond in Welsh without it leading to a delay.