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Wrexham County Borough Council
The Guildhall
Wrexham
LL11 1AY

Date: 07 December 2023

Dear Sir/Madam,

PROPOSAL: ERECTION OF DWELLING

LOCATION: LAND WEST OF PENDIL, LLANGOLLEN ROAD, ACREFAIR, WREXHAM, LL14 3RS

Thank you for consulting Cyfoeth Naturiol Cymru (CNC)/Natural Resources Wales (NRW) about the above, which we received on 17 November 2023.

We have concerns with the application as submitted because inadequate information has been provided in support of the proposal. To overcome these concerns, you should seek further information from the applicant regarding protected sites. If this information is not provided, we would object to this planning application. Further details are provided below.

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). As you are aware, on the 21st January 2021, we published an evidence package outlining phosphorus levels for all river SACs across Wales. In line with our [Planning Advice](#) (August 2023), under the Habitats Regulations, Planning Authorities must consider the phosphorus impact of proposed developments on water quality within SAC river catchments. We therefore advise you to consider whether the proposals, as submitted, would increase the volume of foul discharge from the site in planning terms.

We note from the information submitted that the development has the potential to increase the amount of phosphorus being discharged from the site. As such, we refer you to our Planning Advice and advise you to seek further information from the applicant. We note that information has already been submitted in respect of Welsh Water confirmation capacity at Cefn WwTw and it had a phosphate permit. However, we advise you to seek further information as identified in the section titled 'What does this mean for development proposals involving connection to public wastewater treatment works' of that advice.

Should you conclude that the proposed development is likely to have a significant effect on the SAC, please consult us on your Appropriate Assessment under Regulation 63 of the Conservation of Habitats and Species Regulations 2017 (as amended).

Protected Species

We note that there is no information about protected species with the application and, therefore, are assuming that your Authority has screened the application and concluded that there is not a reasonable likelihood of protected species being present.

Landfill

We note that there is a record of a historic landfill site 170m from the proposed development site. Natural Resources Wales considers that the controlled waters at this site are not of the highest environmental sensitivity, therefore we will not be providing detailed site-specific advice or comments with regards to land contamination issues for this site.

It is recommended that the requirements of Planning Policy Wales and the Guiding Principles for Land Contamination (GPLC) should be followed. These comments are based on our assumption that gross contamination is not present at this location. If, during development, gross contamination is found to be present at the site the Local Planning Authority may wish to reconsult Natural Resources Wales.

Please note that in relation to the proposed development, in so far as it relates to land contamination, Natural Resources Wales only considered issues relating to controlled waters.

Other Matters

Our comments above only relate specifically to matters included on our checklist, *Development Planning Advisory Service: Consultation Topics* (September 2018), which is published on our [website](#). We have not considered potential effects on other matters and do not rule out the potential for the proposed development to affect other interests.

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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