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Dear Mr Bolton,

PROPOSAL: **Change of Use from Social Club (Class D1 Use) to Bar and Restaurant (Class A2 Use) and Provision of Children's Play Area (Partly in Retrospect)**

LOCATION: **Acrefair Sports and Social Club, Bethania Road, Acrefair**

Thank you for consulting Cyfoeth Naturiol Cymru / Natural Resources Wales about the above, which we received on 21/06/2021.

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

Protected Site – SAC River Catchment

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. As part of this package, we issued a [Planning Position Statement](#), in which we advised that any proposed development that might increase the amount of phosphate (or phosphorus) within a river SAC catchment could lead to damaging effects to the SAC. Therefore such proposals should be screened through a Habitats Regulations Assessment (HRA), to determine whether they are likely to have a significant effect on the SAC.

However, recognising the specific nature of the application submitted, namely comparable foul drainage outputs connecting with the main sewer system, which meets the screening criteria set out in our [Planning Advice](#) (May 2021), we are satisfied that it is unlikely to increase the amount of phosphorus entering the catchment. Therefore, we are satisfied that the proposal is not likely to have a significant effect on the River Dee and Bala Lake SAC.

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.

Advice for the Developer

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 (Air Products UK Ltd Historic Landfill site and The Delph Historic Landfill site).

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. The developers should be made aware of the existence of the landfill site(s) so that they can decide whether or not to make their 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".

If you have any queries on the above, please do not hesitate to contact us.

Yours faithfully,

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