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Annwyl Syr/Madam / Dear Sir/Madam,

BWRIAD / PROPOSAL: ERECTION OF ROOF OVER EXISTING SILAGE CLAMP

LLEOLIAD / LOCATION: BRIDGE FARM PICKHILL CROSS LANES WREXHAM

Thank you for consulting Cyfoeth Naturiol Cymru / Natural Resources Wales about the above, which we received on 20/05/2021.

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

We note the application site is within the catchment of the River <XXX> 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.

We note from the information submitted that a new roof is proposed over the existing silage clamp to comply with storage requirements as laid down in the Water Resources (Control of Agricultural Pollution) (Wales) Regulations 2021.

Provided the structure is designed and built by a suitably qualified engineer to meet the standards set in the Regulations and BS 5502 (Building and Structures for Agriculture Code of Practice for Design, Construction and Loading), it is unlikely to increase the amount of phosphorus entering the catchment and therefore, it is not likely to have a significant effect on the River Dee and Bala Lake SAC. This advice is provided on the basis that this development will not result in an increase in stock numbers. If this is not the case, then we wish to be re-consulted.

We refer you to our [Planning Advice](#) (May 2021). Provided this guidance is followed and you are able to conclude that the development is not likely to have a significant effect on the

SAC, we have no objection to the proposal. However, 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).

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

Agriculture

The facilities must comply with the Water Resources (Control of Pollution) (Silage and Slurry) (Wales) Regulations 2010. Site operators should ensure that there is no possibility of contaminated water entering and polluting surface or groundwater.

Please refer to the link below for further information:

<http://naturalresources.wales/guidance-and-advice/business-sectors/farming/good-farming-practice/?lang=en>

Pollution Prevention

During the construction phase you should take any precaution to prevent contamination of surface water drains and local watercourses. Oils and chemicals should be stored in bunded areas and spill kits should be readily available in case of accidental spillages.

For further guidance please refer to GPP 5 and PPG 6 at the following link:

<http://www.netregs.org.uk/environmental-topics/pollution-prevention-guidelines-ppgs-and-replacement-series/guidance-for-pollution-prevention-gpps-full-list/>

Environmental Management

All works at the site must be carried out in accordance with PPG6: 'Working at construction and demolition sites' which are available on the following website:

<http://www.netregs.org.uk/environmental-topics/pollution-prevention-guidelines-ppgs-and-replacement-series/guidance-for-pollution-prevention-gpps-full-list/>

The activity of importing waste into the site for use as, for example hardcore, must be registered with Natural Resources Wales as an exempt/permittable activity under the Environmental Permitting Regulations 2016. The developer should contact Natural

Resources Wales to discuss the necessity for an exemption/permit for any material imported to and exported from the site.

If during construction/excavation works any contaminated material is revealed, then the movement of such material either on or off site should be done in consultation with Natural Resources Wales. Any waste excavation material or building waste generated in the course of the development must be disposed of satisfactorily and in accordance with Section 34 of the Environmental Protection Act 1990. Carriers transporting waste from the site must be registered waste carriers and movement of any Hazardous Waste from the site must be accompanied by Hazardous waste consignment notes.

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

Yn gywir / Yours faithfully

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