Cyfoeth Naturiol Cymru
Natural Resources Wales

Ein cyf/Our ref: CAS-293888-F7Z8
Eich cyf/Your ref: P/2025/0882

Wrexham County Borough Council
The Guildhall
Wrexham
LL11 1AY

Dyddiad/Date: 09 December 2025

Annwyl Syr/Madam/Dear Sir/Madam,

BWRIAD/PROPOSAL: Change of use of bus depot to mixed class B1/B2 (car repairs and welding) and all associated works

LLEOLIAD/LOCATION: Central Garage, King Street, Acrefair, Wrexham, LL14 3RH

Thank you for consulting Cyfoeth Naturiol Cymru (CNC)/Natural Resources Wales (NRW) about the above, which we received on 24 November 2025.

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

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). In line with our Advice to Planning Authorities for Planning Applications Affecting Nutrient Sensitive River Special Areas of Conservation (22 October 2025), under the Habitats Regulations, Planning Authorities must consider the impact of proposed developments on water quality within SAC river catchments.

However, recognising the specific nature of the application submitted where no increase in staff numbers are proposed, 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.

Protected Species

No ecological information has been submitted in support of this application. We note that there are records of bats and Great Crested Newts in the vicinity of the site. We recommend you seek the advice of your Authority's internal ecological adviser about the requirement for further information to be submitted in support of the application, the need for bespoke surveys and the scope of further information, where required.

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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