Cyfoeth Naturiol Cymru
Natural Resources Wales

Ein cyf/Our ref: CAS-294292-H2R0
Eich cyf/Your ref: P/2025/0718

Wrexham County Borough Council
The Guildhall
Wrexham
LL11 1AY

Dyddiad/Date: 10 December 2025

Annwyl Syr/Madam/Dear Sir/Madam,

BWRIAD/PROPOSAL: Listed Building consent for removal of 18 no conservation roof lights and replace with 13 no conservation roof lights with 5 no areas of slate to match existing roof

LLEOLIAD/LOCATION: Erddig Hall, Erddig, Wrexham, LL13 0YT

Thank you for consulting Cyfoeth Naturiol Cymru (CNC)/Natural Resources Wales (NRW) about the above, which we received on 28 November 2025.

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 species. If this information is not provided, we would object to this planning application. Further details are provided below.

Protected Species

We have concerns about the above proposal and advise that further information is submitted in support of the application to assess the impacts of the proposal on bats, as European Protected Species. Bats and their breeding and resting places are protected under the Conservation of Habitats and Species Regulations 2017 (as amended).

We have reviewed the following information submitted in support of the application:

- Preliminary Roost Assessment for Erddig Hall Restaurant National Trust, Wrexham by North-South Ecology dated October 2025.

We note that the submitted report has identified that bats may be present at the application site. However, section 5 of the report advises that further survey work is required in the form of emergence surveys. We concur with this advice.

We advise that the additional survey work recommended in the report is undertaken and results submitted prior to determination of the application. Surveys should be undertaken in accordance with published best practice. If evidence of bat use is found, suitable avoidance, mitigation or compensation measures should also be provided as appropriate to the species and their use of the site.

Based on the application, as submitted, we are unable to provide your Authority with any assurance that the proposal would not be likely to be detrimental to the maintenance of the population of the species concerned at a favourable conservation status in its natural range.

Protected Site – 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 for works to the roof of the building, we are satisfied that there is unlikely to be a source of additional nutrients 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.

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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