Cyfoeth Naturiol Cymru
Natural Resources Wales

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Eich cyf/Your ref: P/2025/0896

Wrexham County Borough Council
The Guildhall
Wrexham
LL11 1AY

Dyddiad/Date: 18 December 2025

Annwyl Syr/Madam/Dear Sir/Madam,

BWRIAD/PROPOSAL: ERECTION OF CLASSROOM STRUCTURE AND COMPOSTING WC, INCLUDING INSTALLTION OF NEW PATHWAY/HARDSTANDING

LLEOLIAD/LOCATION: LAND NORTH OF BERSHAM BANK, BERSHAM, WREXHAM, LL14 4LL

Thank you for consulting Cyfoeth Naturiol Cymru (CNC)/Natural Resources Wales (NRW) about the above, which we received on 05 December 2025.

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

Protected Sites and 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, x1 composting W.C. to be installed, provided the W.C. separates out the urine and sanitary waste from the solids as set out in section 13 our Advice, 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

Bats

We note that the information submitted in support of the above application (Enfys Ecology Ltd., 06/10/2025, Preliminary Ecological Appraisal of Bersham Ironworks Site, Ref: EE.5177.2025.AB) has identified that bats are unlikely to be using the application site. We therefore have no comments to make on the application as submitted in respect of bats.

The report provides advice regarding lighting to avoid impacting potential roosts and foraging in the adjacent woodland. We recommend that you discuss the need to secure further measures/ avoidance measures with your internal ecological advisor.

Great Crested Newts (GCN)

We note that the information submitted in support of the above application (Enfys Ecology Ltd., 06/10/2025, Preliminary Ecological Appraisal of Bersham Ironworks Site, Ref: EE.5177.2025.AB) has identified that GCN are unlikely to be using the application site. We therefore have no comments to make on the application as submitted in respect of GCN.

We recommend that you discuss the need to secure further measures/ avoidance measures with your internal ecological advisor.

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 about the above, please do not hesitate to contact us.

Yn gywir / Yours faithfully,

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