Cyfoeth Naturiol Cymru
Natural Resources Wales

Ein cyf/Our ref: CAS-296093-V7N1
Eich cyf/Your ref: P/2025/0951

Wrexham County Borough Council
The Guildhall
Wrexham
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Dyddiad/Date: 07 January 2026

Annwyl Syr/Madam/Dear Sir/Madam,

BWRIAD/PROPOSAL: Conversion of barn/outbuilding to self-contained holiday let

LLEOLIAD/LOCATION: Greenways, Tarts Hill, Hanmer, Whitchurch, SY13 3DR

Thank you for consulting Cyfoeth Naturiol Cymru (CNC)/Natural Resources Wales (NRW) about the above, which we received on 22 December 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 foul drainage. If this information is not provided, we would object to this planning application. Further details are provided below.

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. We therefore advise you to consider whether the proposals, as submitted, would increase the volume of foul discharge from the site in planning terms.

We note from the information submitted that a new package treatment plant (ptp) is to be installed to provide foul drainage for the conversion of the barn to a holiday let. The development therefore has the potential to increase the amount of nutrients being discharged from the site. As such, we refer you to our Advice and advise you to seek further information from the applicant. We note that information has already been submitted in respect of confirming the location of the ptp and soakaway. However, we advise you to seek further information as identified in the section titled *'What does this mean for development proposals involving private sewage treatment systems systems?'* of that Advice, i.e.

- results of infiltration testing with calculations to demonstrate that the drainage field size and design is appropriate for the volume of discharge proposed and follows the relevant British Standard.

Ultimately, the suitability of foul drainage arrangements for the proposed development is a matter for your Authority to determine. We therefore advise you to take the above into account in your determination of whether the development is likely to have a significant effect on the SAC. Should you determine that an Appropriate Assessment is required, the Applicant will then need to submit whatever evidence they deem appropriate (seeking advice from consultants as may be necessary) to demonstrate no adverse effect on site integrity.

Protected Species

No ecological information has been submitted in support of this application. We recommend you seek the advice of your Authority's ecologist about the requirement for further information to be submitted in support of the application, and to scope the need for bespoke surveys, 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 about the above, please do not hesitate to contact us.

Yn gywir / Yours faithfully,

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