Cyfoeth Naturiol Cymru
Natural Resources Wales

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Wrexham County Borough Council
The Guildhall
Wrexham
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Dyddiad/Date: 27 January 2026

Annwyl Syr/Madam/Dear Sir/Madam,

BWRIAD/PROPOSAL: INSTALLATION OF COVERED SILAGE CLAMP

LLEOLIAD/LOCATION: UPPER PARK EYTON FARM, EYTON, WREXHAM, LL13 0YF

Thank you for consulting Cyfoeth Naturiol Cymru (CNC)/Natural Resources Wales (NRW) about the above, which we received on 16 January 2026.

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

Protected Sites

Pollution of Controlled Waters

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 refer you in particular to the section of our Advice titled '*What does this mean for agricultural developments?*'

We understand this proposal is to build a new store for silage. Provided the structure is designed and built by a suitably qualified engineer to meet the standards set in The Water Resources (Control of Agricultural Pollution) (Wales) Regulations 2021 (CoAPR), we have no objection.

Under CoAPR it is a requirement to notify NRW of new or substantially altered silage stores at least 14 days before construction begins. Further information on what we require is available on our website at Natural Resources Wales / Silage and slurry storage.

Further information is available at Natural Resources Wales / How to use manures and slurries appropriately and the Code of Good Agricultural Practice guidance.

In consideration of the above, provided that 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, 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

Great Crested Newts (GCN)

We note that the site is within approximately 90m of a waterbody with records of GCN. However, no information has been submitted in support of the above application to determine whether great crested newts (GCN), a European Protected Species are material to the application site.

As no information about this species has been submitted with the application, we recommend you seek the advice of your Authority's ecologist to determine if there is a reasonable likelihood of GCN being material to the application site and to scope the need for bespoke surveys.

Please consult us again if any further investigation undertaken finds that GCN are material to the application site, and you require further advice from us.

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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