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Wrexham County Borough Council
The Guildhall
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Dyddiad/Date: 09 September 2026

Annwyl Syr/Madam/Dear Sir/Madam,

Bwriad/Proposal: Alterations to existing vehicular access and construction of parking/manoeuvring area.

Lleoliad/Location: Ellesmere Road, Bronington, SY13 3EU

Thank you for consulting Cyfoeth Naturiol Cymru/Natural Resources Wales (NRW) with additional information about the above, which we received on 21 August 2026.

We have **concerns** with the application as submitted. However, we are satisfied that these concerns can be overcome if the **document** identified below is included in the approved plans and documents condition on the decision notice:

- Proposed Access Improvement Works & Associated Parking Provision, Land at Ellesmere Road Farm, – Ecology Statement for Planning, Max Ellson, 17th July 2026

Please note, without the inclusion of this document we would object to this planning application. Further details are provided below.

Protected Species

We note that the information submitted in support of the above application:

- Proposed Access Improvement Works & Associated Parking Provision, Land at Ellesmere Road Farm, – Ecology Statement for Planning, Max Ellson, 17th July 2026)

Great Crested Newt

The information has identified that great crested newts (GCN) are material to the application site.

GCN and their breeding sites and resting places are protected under the Conservation of Habitats and Species Regulations 2017 (as amended) and Schedule 5 of the Wildlife and Countryside Act 1981. Where GCN are present and a development proposal is likely to contravene the legal protection, they are afforded, the development may only proceed under licence issued by Natural Resources Wales, having satisfied the three requirements set out in the legislation. A licence may only be authorised if:

- The development works to be authorised are for the purpose of preserving public health or safety, or for other imperative reasons of overriding public interest, including those of a social or economic nature and beneficial consequences of primary importance for the environment.
- There is no satisfactory alternative; and,
- The action authorised will not be detrimental to the maintenance of the population of the species concerned at a favourable conservation status in its natural range.

To avoid developments with planning permission subsequently not being granted a licence, the Local Planning Authority should take Planning Policy Wales and Technical Advice Note 5 into account when considering development proposals where a European Protected Species is present.

Please note, for the purposes of providing advice at the planning application stage, our comments are limited to the 3rd test "demonstration of no detriment to the maintenance of the favourable conservation status of European protected species". We advise that before any consent is given, as informed by the provisions of Regulation 9 of the Conservation of Habitats and Species Regulations 2017 (as amended) the LPA satisfy itself as to whether the scheme satisfies the other two tests, namely a relevant Habitats Regulations purpose and whether there is no satisfactory alternative to the proposal.

We consider that the above report provides an adequate basis upon which to consider the potential impacts of the scheme on this species and inform the decision-making process.

Therefore, we advise that the following document is included in the approved list of plans / documents condition within the decision notice:

- Proposed Access Improvement Works & Associated Parking Provision, Land at Ellesmere Road Farm, – Ecology Statement for Planning, Max Ellson, 17th July 2026

Bats

We note that the information submitted in support of the above application 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.

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

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

nutrient sensitive Special Areas of Conservation 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, 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.

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,

Inoka Manatunga

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