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Wrexham County Borough Council
The Guildhall
Wrexham
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Dyddiad/Date: 16 September 2026

Annwyl Syr/Madam/Dear Sir/Madam,

Bwriad/Proposal: Change of use of building from class D1 (church) to class C3 (dwelling)

Lleoliad/Location: Church, Cadney Lane, Bettisfield, Whitchurch, SY13 2LN

Thank you for consulting Cyfoeth Naturiol Cymru/Natural Resources Wales (NRW) about the above, which we received on 27 August 2026.

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

Protected Species

We note that the information submitted in support of the above application (Ecological Impact Assessment at Bettisfield Methodist Church, Bettisfield, S Worsfold, August 2026, Ref BE0626) has identified that protected species are unlikely to be using the application site for roosting. 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.

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.

Advice for the developer

The developer/applicant should ensure that the existing septic tank has sufficient capacity to accommodate any increase in flows from the proposed development.

Applicants wishing to operate a private sewerage system will need either to apply to us for an environmental permit or register with us for an exemption from the permit requirement. Septic tanks and small sewage treatment works that meet certain criteria may be registered as exempt.

A step by step guide to registering an exemption can be found on our website.

If the septic tank or private sewage treatment system is not eligible for an exemption, the Applicant will need to apply for an environmental permit, further details can be found here. Should a permit be required further information may be needed as part of that application process. The Applicant is therefore advised to contact us for pre-application advice at the earliest opportunity to try to ensure that there is no conflict between any planning permission granted and the permit requirements. Further details on how to access our pre-application advice service can be found here.

It is important to note that a grant of planning permission does not guarantee that a permit will be granted. A proposal may be deemed unacceptable either because of environmental risk or because upon further investigation, a connection to mains sewer was feasible. Applicants are encouraged to ensure they have all the required permissions, consents, permits and any other approvals in place prior to commencement of works on the site.

Where private sewage treatment/disposal facilities are utilised, they must be installed and maintained in accordance with British Standard 6297 and Approved Document H of the Building Regulations. We also refer the Applicant to Guidance for Pollution Prevention 4 on the NetRegs website, which provides further information.

If you have any queries about the above, please do not hesitate to contact us.

Yn gywir / Yours faithfully,

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