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Eich cyf/Your ref: P/2026/0329

Wrexham County Borough Council
The Guildhall
Wrexham
LL11 1AY

Dyddiad/Date: 17 September 2026

Annwyl Syr/Madam/Dear Sir/Madam,

Bwriad/Proposal: Conversion of building to holiday accommodation

Lleoliad/Location: Drefechan Farm, Drefechan, Pen-y-Cae, Wrexham, LL14 1UE.

Thank you for consulting Cyfoeth Naturiol Cymru/Natural Resources Wales (NRW) with additional information about the above, which we received on 15 September 2026.

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

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 Advice to Planning Authorities for Planning Applications Affecting Nutrient Sensitive River Special Areas of Conservation, 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 additional information submitted that foul drainage for the proposed holiday let is to be managed via a connection to an existing private treatment plant (PTP) which serves the adjoining dwelling. Provided the details meet the screening criteria set out in our Advice, we are satisfied that there is unlikely to be a source of additional nutrients and 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

No ecological information has been submitted in support of this application. We recommend you seek the advice of your Authority's internal ecological adviser about the requirement for further information to be submitted in support of the application, the need for bespoke surveys and the scope of further information, where required.

Designated Landscape

The development is situated within the Clwydian Range and Dee Valley Area of Outstanding Natural Beauty (AONB) / National Landscape. We note that there is no information regarding landscape assessments with the application and therefore, we are assuming that your Authority has screened the application and concluded that any impacts on landscape are unlikely and the proposal is in line with Planning Policy Wales. If you require further advice, then please reconsult 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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