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Wrexham County Borough Council
The Guildhall
Wrexham
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Dyddiad/Date: 01 October 2026

Annwyl Syr/Madam/Dear Sir/Madam,

Bwriad/Proposal: Outline application for erection of 3 dwellings

Lleoliad/Location: 10 Rhosnesni Lane, Wrexham, LL12 7LY

Thank you for consulting Cyfoeth Naturiol Cymru/Natural Resources Wales (NRW) about the above, which we received on 18 September 2026.

We have **concerns** with the application as submitted. To overcome these concerns, further consideration is required regarding foul drainage.

Protected Sites – Foul Drainage

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 Special Areas of Conservation, under the Habitats Regulations, planning authorities must consider the impact of proposed developments on water quality within SAC river catchments.

No information has been submitted in relation to the proposed foul drainage arrangements for the development. However, our records indicate that the site is located within an area served by the public mains sewer. As such, there remains the potential for foul flows from the development to connect to the public wastewater network. Any proposal involving connection to the mains sewer could potentially lead to an increase in phosphorus load from the receiving wastewater treatment works into the River Dee and Bala Lake SAC. The majority of the River Dee and Bala Lake catchment is currently failing to meet water quality targets for phosphorus. The nutrient impacts of new connections must therefore be considered on a case-by-case basis through the Habitats Regulations Assessment process.

Ultimately, the suitability of foul drainage arrangements for the proposed development is a matter for your authority to determine. We advise your authority that further consideration

is required and to follow our Advice specifically the section titled What does this mean for development proposals involving connection to public wastewater treatment works?

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 conclude that an Appropriate Assessment is required, the applicant will need to provide whatever evidence they consider appropriate, seeking advice from consultants as necessary, to demonstrate no adverse effect on site integrity.

Please consult us on any Appropriate Assessment under Regulation 63 of the Conservation of Habitats and Species Regulations 2017 (as amended). However, until the development can demonstrate it will not lead to an increase of phosphorus load from the receiving wastewater treatment works into the river, we would be unable to advise you that the proposed development would not result in an adverse effect on the integrity of the site.

Protected Species

No ecological information has been submitted in support of this application. We note that there are records of otters and bats in the vicinity of the site. We recommend you seek the advice of your Authority's internal ecological advisor 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.

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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