Our ref: CAS-318602-K4W0
Your ref: P/2026/0056

Wrexham County Borough Council
The Guildhall
Wrexham
LL11 1AY

Date: 07 October 2026

Sir/Madam,

Proposal: Erection of modular building and 2 metal storage containers

Location: St Christophers School, Stockwell Grove, Wrexham, LL13 7BW

Thank you for reconsulting Cyfoeth Naturiol Cymru/Natural Resources Wales (NRW) about the above, which we received on 09 September 2026.

We have **concerns** with the application as submitted. However, we are satisfied that these concerns can be overcome if the **document** identified below should be included in the approved plans and documents condition on the decision notice. Without the inclusion of this condition and document we would object to this planning application.

Protected Species

The submitted information (Preliminary Ecological Appraisal and Protected Species Report, dated 29th July 2026) has identified that bats and great crested newts are material to the application site.

Bats and great crested newts and their breeding sites and resting places are protected under the Conservation of Habitats and Species Regulations 2017 (as amended).

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

We consider that the development is not likely to be detrimental to the maintenance of the population of the species concerned at a favourable conservation status in its natural range, provided the measures set out in the submitted report are implemented.

Therefore, we advise that the following document is included in the approved plans and documents condition on the decision notice: (Preliminary Ecological Appraisal and Protected Species Report, Wildbanks Conservation Limited, dated 29th July 2026).

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

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.

However, recognising the specific nature of the application submitted, the construction of a new forest school classroom used by pupils relocated from the wider school site, 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.

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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Croesewir gohebiaeth yn Gymraeg a byddwn yn ymateb yn Gymraeg, heb i hynny arwain at oedi./Correspondence in Welsh is welcomed, and we will respond in Welsh without it leading to a delay.