Cyfoeth Naturiol Cymru
Natural Resources Wales

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Eich cyf/Your ref: P/2026/0386

Wrexham County Borough Council
The Guildhall
Wrexham
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Dyddiad/Date: 14 October 2026

Annwyl Syr/Madam/Dear Sir/Madam,

Bwriad/Proposal: Change of use of building from class A1 (retail) to class sui generis (retro gaming lounge)

Lleoliad/Location: 28 Eagles Meadow, Wrexham

Thank you for consulting Cyfoeth Naturiol Cymru/Natural Resources Wales (NRW) with additional information about the above, which we received on 13 October 2026.

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

Protected Sites and Foul Drainage

The application site is within the catchment of the River Dee and Balaa 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 for a change of use from retail to a gaming lounge and having regard to the additional information submitted in relation to nutrient neutrality (Letter from Marian Cameron Consultants Ltd dated 1 October 2026) 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.

Flood Risk

The planning application proposes less vulnerable development. The Flood Map for Planning identifies the application site to be at risk of flooding and within Flood Zone 2 Rivers.

Given the scale and nature of the proposed development (and in the absence of a flood consequences assessment) we consider the proposals could be acceptable, subject to the developer being made aware of the potential flood risks and consequences. We would also expect the developer to take the opportunity to incorporate flood resilient design where feasible.

Guidance on resilient design can be found in Chapter 13 of Technical Advice Note 15: Development, flooding and coastal erosion, dated 2025, which references advice from Construction Industry Research and Information Association, including a Code of Practice and Guidance for Property Flood Resilience.

We provide advice on our website Natural Resources Wales / Preparing for a flood which may be useful for the developer or occupant of the proposal.

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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