Cyfoeth Naturiol Cymru
Natural Resources Wales

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Eich cyf/Your ref: P/2026/0343

Wrexham County Borough Council
The Guildhall
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Dyddiad/Date: 21 October 2026

Annwyl Syr/Madam/Dear Sir/Madam,

Bwriad/Proposal: Change of use and conversion of existing building from cattery (sui generis) to dwelling (c3) and associated works including single storey side extension and creation of new driveway

Lleoliad/Location: Former Parkside Cattery, Park Lane, Rossett, Wrexham, LL12 0BW

Thank you for consulting Cyfoeth Naturiol Cymru/Natural Resources Wales (NRW) about the above, which we received on 08 October 2026.

We continue to have **concerns** with the application as submitted. To overcome these concerns, further consideration is required regarding **foul drainage**. Further details are provided below.

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 (Percolation Test Report dated 17 September 2026) that the proposed method of foul drainage is via a package treatment plant discharging to watercourse and that the report concludes that ground conditions are unsuitable to discharge to ground.

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.

Ultimately, the suitability of foul drainage arrangements for the proposed development is a matter for your Authority to determine. 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 determine that an Appropriate Assessment is required, the Applicant will then need to submit whatever evidence they deem appropriate (seeking advice from consultants as may be necessary) to demonstrate no adverse effect on site integrity.

Protected Species

We have reviewed the following information submitted in support of the application:

- Ecology note regarding proposed development at Former Parkside Cattery, Park Lane dated 01/06/2026, Ecology Services UK Limited
- Preliminary Ecological Appraisal, Former Parkside Cattery, Park Lane, dated 09/07/2026, Ecology Services UK Limited

We note that Preliminary Ecological Appraisal (PEA) confirms the three emergence surveys have now been completed and that no bats were observed emerging from the building. We therefore have no comments to make on the application as submitted in respect of bats.

The PEA confirms commuting or foraging bats in the vicinity of the building and potential roost features in nearby trees. 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.

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

Yn gywir / Yours faithfully,

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