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Wrexham County Borough Council
The Guildhall
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Dyddiad/Date: 29 October 2026

Annwyl Syr/Madam/Dear Sir/Madam,

Bwriad/Proposal: Erection of 8 Dwellings on the former MG Garage

Lleoliad/Location: Land at Wrexham Road, Rhostyllen, Wrexham, LL14 4DH

Thank you for consulting Cyfoeth Naturiol Cymru/Natural Resources Wales (NRW) about the above, which we received on 12 October 2026.

We have/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

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.

This application for the erection of 8 dwellings proposes connection of foul water to the mains sewer. The proposed development could potentially lead to an increase of phosphorus load from the receiving wastewater treatment works into the River Dee and Bala ake SAC. The majority of the River Dee catchment is currently failing to meet water quality targets for phosphorus. The nutrient impacts of new connections need to be considered on a case-by-case basis within 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.

Land Contamination

NRW recommends that developers should refer to the Environment Agency "Land Contamination Risk Management" (updated 2023), Welsh Local Government Association "Development of Land Affected by Contamination: A Guide for Developers" (2023) and the Environment Agency "Approach to Groundwater Protection" (2017), Garages and Filling Stations - A Guide For Developers (October 2023) and Guidance for Design, Construction, Modification, Maintenance and Decommissioning of Filling Stations (Blue Book 5th Edition) | APEA : APEA when undertaking further works at this site.

These comments are based on our assumption that gross contamination is not present at this location. If, during site investigation or development, gross contamination is found to be present at the site the Local Planning Authority may wish to re-consult Natural Resources Wales.

Protected Species

No ecological information has been submitted in support of this application. We note that there are records of 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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