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Wrexham County Borough Council
The Guildhall
Wrexham
LL11 1AY

Dyddiad/Date: 02 November 2026

Annwyl Syr/Madam/Dear Sir/Madam,

Bwriad/Proposal: Erection of 3 animal shelters and 1 hay store

Lleoliad/Location: Land West of Rosewood, Church Road, Minera, Wrexham, LL11 3DD

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

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

Landscape

Our advice relates to the landscape character and visual amenity of the Clwydian Range and Dee Valley (CRDV) National Landscape and the statutory purpose of the designation to conserve and enhance its natural beauty.

We have reviewed the following information:

- Supporting Statement, Sept 2026 including site photographs
- Existing and Proposed site Plans
- Elevations and Floor Plans
- LANDMAP
- Google maps roadside view

This is a retrospective proposal for erection of 3 animal shelters and the proposed re-siting of a hay store at land west of Rosewood, Minera, Wrexham LL11 3DD.

The site is located inside CRDV National Landscape on the south side of Maesyffynnon Road at Minera. There are no public rights of way crossing the site. Whilst there is a PROW running parallel to the site to the south, views into the site from this are screened by existing vegetation. The site is visible from Maesyffynnon Road in-between the patchy

roadside hedgerow and is also likely overlooked in glimpsed views from elevated land at Mynydd Esclys, (Esclusham Mountain).

We advise that landscape and visual effects of the 3 animal shelters on the amenity and natural beauty of the CRDV are likely to be small scale, localised and not significant. Mitigations to provide additional screening at the hedgeline and to surface-stain the structures in a darker tone are welcomed and are likely to remediate concerns on visual effects and the hedgerow planting would enhance the CRDV in line with LANDMAP recommendations for future management. We have no objections on the retrospective aspects of these proposals.

On the hay store relocation, there is insufficient viewpoint photography to establish the baseline and inform whether the proposals would be advantageous or detrimental compared with the existing position which is clustered adjacent to established buildings. Your Authority may require further information to fully consider this.

Due to the small scale of proposals, whilst there may be some detrimental effects relating to the hay store we advise that effects are likely to be localised and not significant for the wider amenity and natural beauty of CRDV.

Protected sites

The application site is within the catchment of the River Dee 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.

Please note, any manure produced must be managed (storage and application to land) in line with The Code of Good Agricultural Practice (CoGAP) for the Protection of Water, Soil and Air for Wales. If manure is managed correctly then the application as submitted is unlikely to increase the amount of nutrients entering the catchment. Therefore, we are satisfied that the proposal is not likely to have a significant effect on the River Dee SAC.

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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