Cyfoeth Naturiol Cymru
Natural Resources Wales

Ein cyf/Our ref: CAS-276744-P5T2
Eich cyf/Your ref: P2025/0143

Neath Port Talbot County Borough Council
The Quays
Briton Ferry
SA11 2GG

Dyddiad/Date: 03 April 2025

Annwyl Syr/Madam/Dear Sir/Madam,

BWRIAD/PROPOSAL: AGRICULTURAL BARN FOR STORAGE OF AGRICULTURAL MACHINERY AND HAY.

LLEOLIAD/LOCATION: DREAM FIELDS, LLANDARCY, NEATH PORT TALBOT, SA10 6JU.

Thank you for consulting Cyfoeth Naturiol Cymru (CNC)/Natural Resources Wales (NRW) about the above, which we received on 14 March 2025.

We have considered your enquiry in relation to our Development Planning Consultations Topics document (September 2018). We advise the following matters are relevant to the proposed development.

We note that the description on the submitted application form is for a new shed for the storage of agricultural machinery and hay, however the submitted agricultural questionnaire confirms that there will be an increase in stock for poultry, goats and sheep. Due to the discrepancies in the information provided, we cannot advise on whether there is potential to increase the amounts or concentration of nutrients within the designated site.

Protected Sites
We have concerns that a significant effect from the proposed development on the SAC, SSSI and Ramsar site cannot be ruled out. We advise that further information is required to adequately consider the potential impacts on the features of protected sites and in particular to enable your Authority to carry out a Habitats Regulations Assessment under Regulation 63 of The Conservation of Habitats and Species Regulations 2017 (as amended).

Aerial Emissions
Agricultural developments have the potential to impact protected sites through aerial emissions (ammonia). Without clarification on the use of the shed, stock types and numbers and if the development is to accommodate an increase in stock, we cannot advise on whether an assessment of aerial emissions is required.

Paragraph 6.4.19 – 6.4.20 of Planning Policy Wales states that proposals must be carefully assessed to ensure that effects on those nature conservation interests which the designation is intended to protect are clearly understood; development should be refused where there are adverse impacts on the features for which a site has been designated.

We advise your Authority seeks clarification on stock type, their numbers, and whether there will be an increase in stock numbers as a result of this proposal. Any increase in stock numbers, depending on type and number, may trigger the need for aerial emission assessments. Our standing advice on this aspect can be found at Natural Resources Wales / Ammonia assessments.

Pollution of Controlled Waters
We advise that a Manure Management Plan (MMP) should be provided. Further advice on MMPs can be found on the following link Natural Resources Wales / How to use manures and slurries appropriately.

For further information, please see - Natural Resources Wales / What to provide with your planning application for an agricultural development.

Ancient Woodland

We note there is an area of ancient woodland in the vicinity of the site, we refer you to our advice on ancient woodland available on our website: Natural Resources Wales / Advice to planning authorities considering proposals affecting ancient woodland

Other Matters

Our comments above only relate specifically to matters included on our checklist, *Development Planning Advisory Service: Consultation Topics* (September 2018), which is published on our website. We have not considered potential effects on other matters and do not rule out the potential for the proposed development to affect other interests.

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.

Advice for the Developer

Pollution Prevention

Due to the proximity of the site to watercourses, all works at the site must be carried out in accordance with Guidance for Pollution Prevention (GPP) 5: Works and maintenance in or near water, and GPP 6: Working on construction and demolition sites, which are available on the NetRegs website.

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

Yn gywir / Yours faithfully,

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