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

Dyddiad/Date: 19 June 2025

Annwyl Syr/Madam/Dear Sir/Madam,

BWRIAD/PROPOSAL: ABERPERGWM COLLIERY (OIL SHED), NEATH PORT TALBOT, SA11 5AJ.

LLEOLIAD/LOCATION: A 16 X 5M2 SHED BUILDING CONSTRUCTED ON PRE-EXISTING CONCRETE MINE YARD SURFACE. THE BUILDING WILL HAVE A DRIP TRAY CONSTRUCTED WITHIN THE FLOOR WHERE OIL PRODUCTS ARE TO BE STORED.

Thank you for consulting Cyfoeth Naturiol Cymru (CNC)/Natural Resources Wales (NRW) about the above, which we received on 05 June 2025.

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

Pollution Prevention

We note the submission of the document titled “scheme for the storage of oils and chemicals” and on review of the information provided we would have no further comment.

In addition, we note the presence of two culverted watercourses to the east and west of the development site. We defer to your Authority’s Drainage Engineers as to the exact path of these watercourses and advise that it is extremely poor practice to erect any structure over, or close to a culvert as any failings in the integrity of the culvert may result in damage to the built structure and pollution of the water environment.

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 very partially Flood Zone 2 (Rivers). Given the location of the development at the very edge of Flood Zone 2 and the limited extent of flood risk we consider the proposals could be acceptable, subject to the developer being made aware of the potential flood risks to these areas.

Protected Species

We note that the ecological information submitted in support of this application is from 2021 and may be deemed out of date. We recommend you seek the advice of your Authority's internal ecological adviser 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.

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

During the construction phase you should take any precaution to prevent contamination of surface water drains and local watercourses. Oils and chemicals should be stored in bunded areas and spill kits should be readily available in case of accidental spillages.

We would also like to draw your attention to the Oil Storage Regulations for Wales and the following Guidance for Pollution Prevention (GPP) relevant to this application:

GPP 2: Above Ground Oil Storage Tanks
GPP 5: Works And Maintenance In Or Near Water
GPP 6: Working At Construction And Demolition Sites
GPP 8: Safe Storage And Disposal Of Used Oils
GPP 21: Pollution Incident Response Planning
GPP 22 : Dealing With Spills
GPP 26 : Safe Storage Of Drums And Intermediate Bulk Containers

[Guidance for Pollution Prevention \(GPP\) documents | NetRegs | Environmental guidance for your business in Northern Ireland & Scotland](#)

<https://www.gov.wales/sites/default/files/inline-documents/2020-01/regulations-on-oil-storage-in-wales-comms-march-2020-update.pdf>

<https://www.gov.wales/sites/default/files/publications/2019-06/oil-storage-regulations.pdf>

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

Yn gywir / Yours faithfully,

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