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Annwyl Syr/Madam / Dear Sir/Madam,

BWRIAD / PROPOSAL: CHANGE OF USE OF BUILDING TO A GYMNASTICS FACILITY.

LLEOLIAD / LOCATION: UNIT 6-7, CYFARTHFA INDUSTRIAL ESTATE, MERTHYR TYDFIL, CF47 8PE.

Thank you for consulting Cyfoeth Naturiol Cymru / Natural Resources Wales about the above, which we received on 18 November 2021.

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

Flood Risk

Our Flood Risk Map confirms the application site lies entirely within Zone C2 of the Development Advice Map (DAM) as contained in TAN15.

Given the nature of the proposed development (retention of less vulnerable development) and in the absence of a flood consequences assessment (FCA), we consider the proposals could be acceptable, subject to the developer being made aware of the potential flood risks and advised to install flood-proofing measures as part of the development.

In areas at risk of flooding, we recommend that consideration be given to the incorporation of flood resistance/resilience measures into the design and construction of the development. These could include flood barriers on ground floor doors, windows and access points, implementation of suitable flood-proofing measures to the internal fabric of the ground floor and locating electrical sockets/components at a higher level above possible flood levels.

We refer the Applicant to our [website](#) for further advice and guidance available. Additional guidance including the leaflet "Prepare your Property for flooding" can be found [here](#).

The developer can also access advice and information on protection from flooding from the ODPM publication 'Preparing for Floods: Interim Guidance for Improving the Flood Resistance of Domestic and Small Business Properties', can be found [here](#).

Flood Risk Activity Permit

Please advise the Applicant that the Environmental Permitting Regulations (2016) require them to obtain a bespoke Flood Risk Activity Permit for any works or structures located in, under, over or within 8 metres of the bank top of the River Taff, a designated "main river". Further advice and guidance is available on our [website](#).

Advice for Applicant

We recommend you consider the future insurability of this development now. Although we have no involvement in this matter, we would advise you to review the Association of British Insurers published paper, '[Climate Adaptation: Guidance on Insurance Issues for New Developments](#)', to help you ensure any properties are as flood proof as possible and insurable.

Protected Species

We recommend you seek the advice of your in-house ecologist to determine if there is a reasonable likelihood of protected species being present within the application site. If so, in accordance with Technical Advice Note 5: Nature conservation and Planning (paragraph 6.2.2) surveys may be required.

Please consult us again if any survey undertaken finds that protected species are present, and you require further advice from us.

Advice for Applicant – Pollution Prevention

Due to the proximity of the site to the River Taff, all works at the site must be carried out in accordance with GPP5 and PPG6: 'Works and maintenance in or near water' and 'Working at construction and demolition sites' which are available on the following website: <http://www.netregs.org.uk/environmental-topics/pollution-prevention-guidelines-ppgs-and-replacement-series/guidance-for-pollution-prevention-gpps-full-list/>.

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.

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

Yn gywir / Yours faithfully

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