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Annwyl Syr/Madam / Dear Sir/Madam,

BWRIAD / PROPOSAL: CHANGE OF USE OF GROUND FLOOR FROM RETAIL TO A TANNING SALON (SUI GENERIS USE).

LLEOLIAD / LOCATION: UNIT 2, LOWER HIGH STREET, MERTHYR TYDFIL, CF47 8EB.

Thank you for consulting Cyfoeth Naturiol Cymru / Natural Resources Wales about the above, which we received on 2 November 2021.

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

Flood Risk

The planning application proposes a change of use which retains a less vulnerable use as described under Section 6 (Nature of development or land use) in Technical Advice Note 15 (TAN15). The application site lies within Zones 2 and 3 of the Flood Map for Planning referred to in TAN15.

Given the proposal will result in less vulnerable development being retained (and in the absence of a flood consequences assessment), 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. Paragraph 14.10 and 14.11 of TAN15 provides planning authorities guidance on change of use and conversions applications.

In areas at risk of flooding, we recommend considering incorporating simple property-level 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.

There is a [free guide for households and businesses](#), produced by CIRIA (Construction Industry Research and Information Association), following their code of practice C790. It includes information on making your property more flood resilient. Further guidance is set out in Section 13 (Resilient design) of TAN15.

We refer the Applicant to our [website](#) for further advice and guidance on our flood warning service.

European Protected Sites

We note that there is no information about protected species with the application and, therefore, are of the understanding that your Authority has screened the application and concluded that there is not a reasonable likelihood of protected species being present.

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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