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**Date: 07/01/2025**  
**Our Ref: PLA0084569**  
**Your Ref: P/24/0272**

Dear Sir/Madam,

**Grid Ref: SO059073 305956 207406**

**Site: The Norton, High Street, Merthyr Tydfil**

**Development: Change of use, part demolition and conversion of Norton Tavern to provide 6 residential flats. Erection of two dwellings with associated new access, parking and re-profiling works**

We refer to your planning consultation relating to the above site, and we can provide the following comments in respect to the proposed development.

We note that this is a part change of use application however, our records indicate that the proposed development site is crossed by a strategic 900mm public sewer with the approximate position being marked on the attached Statutory Public Sewer Record. Our record plans are a general guidance only and should not be relied upon in the event of excavations or other works. No operational development shall be carried out within 4.5 metres either side of the centreline of the public sewer, if operational development likely the location of this asset shall be accurately located, and the applicant is advised to contact Welsh Water to discuss.

We offer no objection in principle to the foul flows discharging to the public sewer and note that the application specifies the proposed method of surface water disposal to be via a soakaway. Therefore, if you are minded to grant Planning Consent for the above development, we would request that the following **Condition and Advisory Notes** are included within the consent to ensure no detriment to existing residents or the environment and to Dwr Cymru Welsh Water's assets:

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## **SEWERAGE**

### **Condition**

No surface water and/or land drainage shall be allowed to connect directly or indirectly with the public sewerage network.

**Reason:** To prevent hydraulic overloading of the public sewerage system, to protect the health and safety of existing residents and ensure no pollution of or detriment to the environment.

### **Advisory Notes**

As of 7th January 2019, this proposed development is subject to Schedule 3 of the Flood and Water Management Act 2010. The development therefore requires approval of Sustainable Drainage Systems (SuDS) features, in accordance with the 'Statutory standards for sustainable drainage systems – designing, constructing, operating and maintaining surface water drainage systems'. It is therefore recommended that the developer engage in consultation with the Local Authority, as the determining SuDS Approval Body (SAB), in relation to their proposals for SuDS features. Please note, Dwr Cymru Welsh Water is a statutory consultee to the SAB application process and will provide comments to any SuDS proposals by response to SAB consultation.

In accordance with Planning Policy Wales (Edition 11) and Technical Advice Note 12 (Design), the applicant is advised to take a sustainable approach in considering water supply in new development proposals, including utilising approaches that improve water efficiency and reduce water consumption. We would recommend that the applicant liaises with the relevant Local Authority Building Control department to discuss their water efficiency requirements.

The applicant may need to apply to Dwr Cymru / Welsh Water for any connection to the public sewer under S106 of the Water industry Act 1991. If the connection to the public sewer network is either via a lateral drain (i.e., a drain which extends beyond the connecting property boundary) or via a new sewer (i.e., serves more than one property), it is now a mandatory requirement to first enter into a Section 104 Adoption Agreement (Water Industry Act 1991). The design of the sewers and lateral drains must also conform to the Welsh Ministers Standards for Gravity Foul Sewers and private Lateral Drains and conform with the publication "Sewers for Adoption"- 7th Edition. Further information can be obtained via the Developer Services pages of [www.dwrcymru.com](http://www.dwrcymru.com)

The planning permission hereby granted does not extend any rights to carry out any works permissions required by the Water industries Act 1991. Any alterations to existing premises resulting in the creation of additional premises or merging of existing premises must also be constructed so that each is separately connected to the Company's water main and can be separately metered. Please contact our new connections team on 0800 917 2652 for further information on water and sewerage connections.

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The applicant is also advised that some public sewers and lateral drains may not be recorded on our maps of public sewers because they were originally privately owned and were transferred into public ownership by nature of the Water Industry (Schemes for Adoption of Private Sewers) Regulations 2011. The presence of such assets may affect the proposal. In order to assist us in dealing with the proposal the applicant may contact Dwr Cymru Welsh Water. Under the Water Industry Act 1991 Dwr Cymru Welsh Water has rights of access to its apparatus at all times.

### **Water Supply**

Capacity is currently available in the water supply system to accommodate the development. We reserve the right however to reassess our position as part of the formal application for the provision of new water mains under Section 41 and Section 51 of the Water Industry Act (1991) to ensure there is sufficient capacity available to serve the development without causing detriment to existing customers' supply as demands upon our water systems change continually.

Our response is based on the information provided by your application. Should the proposal alter during the course of the application process we kindly request that we are re-consulted and reserve the right to make new representation.

If you have any queries, please contact the undersigned on 0800 917 2652 or via email at [developer.services@dwrcymru.com](mailto:developer.services@dwrcymru.com)

Please quote our reference number in all communications and correspondence.

Yours faithfully,

**Maria Evans**  
**Development Planning Officer**  
**Developer Services**

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