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Dyddiad/Date: 29 April 2024

Annwyl Syr/Madam/Dear Sir/Madam,

BWRIAD/PROPOSAL: ERECTION OF REPLACEMENT BRIDGE AND ASSOCIATED WORKS

LLEOLIAD/LOCATION: FEEDER PIPE BRIDGE (FOOTBRIDGE CROSSING RIVER TAFF) TO THE SOUTH OF FIDDLERS ELBOW VIADUCT.

Thank you for consulting Cyfoeth Naturiol Cymru (CNC)/Natural Resources Wales (NRW) about the above, which we received on 08 April 2024.

We have concerns with the application as submitted. However, we advise that based on the information submitted to date, conditions regarding European Protected Species and pollution prevention should be attached to any planning permission granted and the documents identified below should be included in the approved plans and documents condition on the decision notice.

- 'Preliminary Ecological Appraisal - Feeder Pipe Bridge', Doc Ref: GC3880-RED[1]74-XX-RP-L-0004 Rev: P01 by Redstart, dated September 2022
- 'Feeder Pipe Bridge, Abercynon - Preliminary Ecological Appraisal - Report for Rhondda Cynon Taf Borough Council' Version 2.0 by Temple, dated 10 January 2024 (PEA by Temple)
- 'Abercynon Feeder Pipe Bridge – Preliminary Ground Level Tree Assessment North and South – Report for Rhondda Cynon Taff Borough Council' by Temple, dated 9 January 2024
- 'Abercynon Feeder Pipe Bridge – Bat Surveys – Report for Rhondda Cynon Taff Borough Council' Version 2.0 by Temple, dated 9 January 2024
- 'Updated Otter Survey Memo Report' by Temple, dated 13 March 2023

Without the inclusion of these conditions and documents we would object to this planning application.

This re-consultation relates to the submission of additional information, namely a Construction Environmental Management Plan (Revision P02 by Bakerhicks, dated 9 April 2024).

Pollution Prevention

In our previous response dated 11 March 2024 (reference CAS-250381-V4M5) we noted that the ecological information and other supporting information recommended that the construction phase of the proposal would be carried out in accordance with best practice and pollution control measures. We advised that details to control pollution prevention for the water environment should be secured through the imposition of a CEMP condition.

We have reviewed the Construction Environmental Management Plan by Bakerhicks and advise that it should include the following information:

- Mitigation measures when removing the ton bags from watercourse to prevent any silt build up from behind the bags being released into the watercourse on removal.
- In the event of discharge of any polluting materials, for example silt, to the watercourse, details of appropriate measures to contain and immediately clean up these spills. Any discharges to the watercourse must be self-reported to Natural Resources Wales on 0300 065 3000 immediately.

In the absence of this additional information we continue to recommend the imposition of a condition requiring the submission of a CEMP. Please refer to our previous response for details of the wording.

Please also refer to our previous letter on the 11 March 2024 for our advice in relation to European Protected Species and flood risk.

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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