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Newport City Council
Civic Centre
Newport
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Dyddiad/Date: 17 February 2026

Annwyl Syr/Madam/Dear Sir/Madam,

**BWRIAD/PROPOSAL: PARTIAL DISCHARGE OF CONDITION 2 (CEMP) OF
PLANNING PERMISSION 25/0453 INSTALLATION OF A TEMPORARY WEIR AT
DRAIN 2**

**LLEOLIAD/LOCATION: GLAN LLYN DEVELOPMENT SITE, QUEENSWAY,
LLANWERN NEWPORT, SOUTH WALES**

Thank you for consulting Cyfoeth Naturiol Cymru (CNC)/Natural Resources Wales (NRW) about the above, which we received on 30 January 2026.

We have concerns with the application as submitted because inadequate information has been provided in support of the proposal. To overcome these concerns, you should seek further information from the applicant regarding protected sites, protected species, the prevention of pollution and water quality. If this information is not provided, we would object to this planning application. Further details are provided below.

We have reviewed the following information in respect of the application to discharge Condition 2:

- Drain 2 Llanwern Temporary Weir Construction, Construction Environmental Management Plan (CEMP), prepared by Rodgers Leask Ltd, Ref. 18669-RLL-25-XX-RP-O-0809 Rev. P.01, January 2026.

Protected Sites

The proposed development at Julian's Reen is approximately 100m from the Gwent Levels Nash and Goldcliff Site of Special Scientific Interest (SSSI). Julian's Reen flows into the SSSI. Reference should be made to the proximity of the proposed works to the Gwent Levels SSSI. The CEMP should note that the special interests of the SSSI are dependent on water quality, water quantity and the drainage system. The CEMP should also

acknowledge the importance of maintaining water quality and the avoidance of contaminants from entering the re-en system during the proposed works.

Protected Species

We note that Appendix C (Ecology Information) confirms that the area would be re-surveyed for water vole to check for signs of burrows and the adjustment to working practices if burrows are found. The proposed covering of excavations, due to presence of otter in the area, is also welcomed.

Details regarding fish rescue should be included in the CEMP, as eels are likely to be present.

Prevention of Pollution

Section 4 of the CEMP refers to the Proposed Scope of Works. However, no information is provided on how long the proposed temporary weir would be in place. Clarification on this point is required.

We note from Section 4 that in-re-en works are required. Further information is required on how pollution due to disturbances and over-pumping activities would be managed. Similarly, additional information is required on where any over-pumping water will be discharged. We also advise that adequate pumps should be available on-site for over-pumping during installation to manage water levels, when required

Section 6 refers to Environmental Management. We advise that re-fuelling locations should be located on impermeable surfaces. Spill kits should be provided for every item of plant, with checks and renewals undertaken as needed.

The Contractor's Method Statement (Section 6) refers to "*Methods to prevent run-off of contaminated water off-Site or into surface waters.*" Further information is required on the specific mitigation measures that are proposed, for example this might include silt fencing, active treatment, re-circulation and settlement ponds. Details should also be provided on where these measures would be located, in relation to sensitive receptors including watercourses and protected sites.

Section 7 refers to General Construction Management. With regard to the storage of materials and hazardous materials, we advise that these need to be stored appropriately and relevant risk assessments and COSHH sheets should be kept where applicable. Spill kits (chemical) should also be sited in all storage areas.

Section 11 and the Table on Page 19 of the Method Statement in Appendix D, states that there would be no re-fuelling of the excavator within 12m of the watercourses. This is welcomed. We advise that this should also apply to all re-fuelling on site. We note that other sections of the CEMP refer to re-fuelling in designated areas away from watercourses. However, a distance is not specified. This should be updated in the CEMP for consistency.

We recommend that NRW's 24-hour pollution incident line (Telephone no. 0300 065 3000) is included in the CEMP to assist in the prompt reporting of any site-based pollution incident.

Water Quality

We welcome the confirmation in Section 9.6 that the existing water quality monitoring, undertaken on site, would be continued. However, further information is required on the following:

- The management of surface water and the prevention of contaminated run-off from entering controlled waters.
- The management, containment and disposal of waste-water from plant cleaning so that it does not pose an environmental risk.
- A method statement for the Silt Mitigation Strategy (Section 9.5) is required and should be provided in the CEMP. The proposed mitigation should be in place before works begin and remain until they have been completed.

Vegetation Removal

We note that vegetation removal is proposed. We recommend that the CEMP is amended to specify that, on completion of the works, the banks are left to re-establish naturally, with seed sources already present in the soil. If a seed mix is required to stabilise the bank, this should be a simple grass mix and specified in the CEMP. The area should not be seeded densely to enable existing soil bank species to germinate. This would avoid introducing flora, which are not local species or genetically different to local varieties.

Flood Risk

The watercourse is not a designated main watercourse. As such, we do not wish to raise any concerns with the proposed temporary weir. The works would not increase the tidal flood risk associated with the site and there is no fluvial flood risk to impact third parties.

Other Matters

The advice in this letter relates to matters which are included on our [consultation topics list](#). We do not rule out the potential for the proposed development to affect other environmental interests that are not included on this list.

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

We draw the Applicant's attention to the fact that Land Drainage Consent would be required for the removal and/or decommissioning of the proposed works. In addition, abstraction of water may require a licence, depending on the volumes involved. Further information on abstraction licensing is available on our website: [Natural Resources Wales / Find out if you need a water abstraction or impoundment licence](#)

Due to the proximity of the site to watercourses, all works at the site must be carried out in accordance with Guidance for Pollution Prevention (GPP) 5: Works and maintenance in or

near water, and GPP 6: Working on construction and demolition sites, which are available on the [NetRegs website](#).

Guidance on permits for discharges is also available on our website: [Natural Resources Wales / Find out if you need a permit for discharges to surface water and groundwater](#).

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

Yn gywir / Yours faithfully,

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