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Newport City Council
Civic Centre
Newport
NP20 4UR

Dyddiad/Date: 20 January 2026

Annwyl Syr/Madam/Dear Sir/Madam,

BWRIAD/PROPOSAL: HEDGE REMOVED ON ONE SIDE OF DITCH TO OPEN WATERCOURSE TO INCREASE SUNLIGHT FOR AQUATIC FLORA OF THE SSSI TO FLOURISH

LLEOLIAD/LOCATION: LAND SOUTH OF COCK STREET, REDWICK, NEWPORT, SOUTH WALES

Thank you for consulting Cyfoeth Naturiol Cymru (CNC)/Natural Resources Wales (NRW) about the above, which we received on 09 January 2026.

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

Flood Risk

The planning application proposes less vulnerable development. The Flood Map for Planning identifies the application site to be at risk of flooding and within Flood Zone 2 and 3 (Sea) and the TAN 15 Defended Zone.

Given the scale and nature of the works (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 consequences.

Protected Sites

The application site is within the Gwent Levels - Whitson Site of Special Scientific Interest (SSSI). The proposed hedgerow removal is necessary to support habitat and ditch management works within the Gwent Levels SSSIs. Under our Land Management Agreements, we routinely seek consent to remove hedgerows along one side of selected ditches to improve sunlight penetration, which benefits the aquatic plants and invertebrates that form part of the SSSI's notified features.

The works will not result in significant habitat loss or disturbance. Removing only the southern hedgerow, while retaining and managing the northern one, ensures essential linear features remain in place to support species movement and foraging, including for

dormice. Therefore, we consider the proposed works are not likely to damage the notified features of the SSSI.

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.

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

Yn gywir / Yours faithfully,

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