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Newport City Council
Civic Centre
Newport
NP20 4UR

Dyddiad/Date: 30 June 2026

Annwyl Syr/Madam/Dear Sir/Madam,

Bwriad/Proposal: Partial discharge of conditions 2 (cemp), 5 (wildflower mix scheme), 6 (bio diversity enhancement) and 7 (solar array details) of 24/0772 extension of existing polytunnel, erection of an agricultural barn with a photovoltaic array on the roof and installation of a sewage treatment system

Lleoliad/Location: Blas Gwent, St Peters Crescent, Wentlooge, Cardiff CF3 2TR

Thank you for consulting Cyfoeth Naturiol Cymru/Natural Resources Wales (NRW) about the above, which we received on 15 June 2026.

We have **concerns** with the application as submitted. We do not recommend your Authority discharges conditions 5 and 6 for the following reasons.

Condition 5 Wildflower mix scheme

We note that the proposed species list includes species which are not appropriate for the Gwent Levels, specifically Lady's Bedstraw (*Galium verum*) and Betony (*Stachys officinalis*). We advise that a seed mix containing these species is avoided, and the following options are explored:

- A locally sourced wildflower mix is used, such as from the Gwent Wildlife Trust Great Traston Meadows Reserve
- A simple grass mix is sourced and not seeded densely so that species within the soil bank could germinate – this avoids introducing flowering species that are genetically different to local varieties.
- A wildflower seed is sourced that avoids species incompatible with the SSSI.

Condition 6 Biodiversity enhancement

We note that hedgerow planting is proposed. We attach a copy of our Gwent Levels native tree list. We advise that any planting is a species from the first section (natives) of this list.

We note that one of the species proposed for planting is Birch (*Betula pubescens*) which is not native to the Gwent Levels. Planting this species should be avoided.

Seed mixes and tree planting should be of species that suppliers can confirm are both of UK provenance and sourced within UK. These will be better able to support biodiversity on the site. Plants of UK native provenance (grown in British nurseries) remove the risks of importing diseases that our plants have no resistance to and spreading pests that have no natural predators in the UK.

Therefore, we advise that those species of plant not native to UK or the Gwent Levels are removed from the planting list.

We would be happy to provide further comments on receipt of an amended planting list as detailed above.

Condition 2 Construction environmental management plan (CEMP)

We have no objection to the discharge of condition 2. We consider that the submitted CEMP has addressed all points raised by us in this regard.

However, with regard to the 150m private lane buffer which is intended to be used in place of a mechanical wheel washer, we would highlight to the applicant that this must be checked regularly, if bordering any drains or reens, to ensure there is no run off impacting them.

Condition 7 Solar array details

We did not request condition 7 and therefore, have no comments on its discharge.

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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