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Dyddiad/Date: 23 March 2026

Annwyl Mr Roberts/Dear Mr Roberts

BWRIAD/PROPOSAL: CONSTRUCTION OF A NEW FULL-SIZE 3G SYNTHETIC SPORTS PITCH, SPECTATOR VIEWING AREAS INCLUDING 2NO. 125 - SEATER STANDS, TV GANTRY, CHANGING FACILITIES, PARKING AREA, ACCESS IMPROVEMENTS AND ASSOCIATED WORKS.

LLEOLIAD/LOCATION: DRAGON PARK, SPYTTY BOULEVARD, NEWPORT INTERNATIONAL SPORT VILLAGE, NEWPORT, NP19 4RA.

Thank you for consulting Cyfoeth Naturiol Cymru (CNC)/Natural Resources Wales (NRW) about the above, which we received on 9 March 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 flood risk. If this information is not provided, we would object to this planning application. Further details are provided below.

Flood Risk

The planning application proposes construction of synthetic sports pitch, spectator seating areas and associated works which are defined as less vulnerable development in Technical Advice Note 15: Development, flooding and coastal erosion (TAN15), dated 2025. The [Flood Map for Planning](#) (FMfP) identifies the application site to be at risk of flooding within Flood Zone 2 - Rivers and Flood Zone 3 – Sea and TAN 15 Defended Zone.

We refer you to Section 10 of Technical Advice Note 15: Development, flooding and coastal erosion, dated 2025 (TAN15) for advice on how you should consider this application in line with current planning policy.

We are unable to give you technical advice on the acceptability of flooding consequences as no Flood Consequences Assessment (FCA) has been submitted. The advice in paragraph 10.24 of TAN15 is clear 'In zones 2, 3 and TAN 15 defended zone developers must undertake a flood consequences assessment proportionate to the nature and scale of the proposal. Before granting planning permission, decision makers should be satisfied

the scheme is justifiable in accordance with the principles set out in section 8, where they are not satisfied, planning permission should be refused.' Therefore, in accordance with paragraph 15.4, we advise you to use your powers to request further information.

TAN15 advises that the FCA should be proportionate to the nature and scale of the proposal. Developers should refer to all relevant sections of the TAN to determine the scope of the FCA that is required for this particular proposal. Further guidance is also available on our [website](#).

Furthermore, should you be minded to go against our advice, you should inform us at the earliest opportunity prior to granting consent and allow sufficient time for us to make further representations.

Please note, if an FCA is not submitted or any subsequent FCA fails to demonstrate that the consequences of flooding can be acceptably managed over the lifetime of the development, then we are likely to **object** to the application.

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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