

## Heron Associates

The Old Shop  
Kingcoed  
Usk  
Monmouthshire  
NP15 1DS



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### Noddfa, Lydart

#### Singe storey side extension and detached garages

#### Statement in respect of phosphate outflow

##### Context

National Resources Wales have issued a ban on any increase in wastewater output discharging to affected rivers (including the Usk and Wye) where there is no phosphate filtration.

NRW has stated that the following types of development are unlikely to increase phosphate inputs and are therefore exempt:

- **Any development that does not increase the volume or concentration of wastewater;**
- **Private sewage treatment systems discharging domestic wastewater to ground which are located more than 50m from a SAC boundary, and which have a maximum daily discharge rate of less than 2 cubic metres (m<sup>3</sup>);**
- **Development to an existing residential property (e.g. extensions) that does not increase the volume of foul drainage (e.g. as a result of increased occupancy).**

Monmouthshire's planning department have stated:

*if the planning application cannot evidence that the development proposal would result in phosphate neutrality or betterment the Local Planning Authority would not be able to support the application given the unacceptable impact on the water quality of the rivers which are sensitively designated as 'special areas of conservation' (SACs).*

##### Noddfa

Noddfa has an existing septic tank. The property is situated more than 50 metres from an SAC, there will be no increase in the volume or concentration of wastewater and no increase in occupancy.

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