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Annwyl Ms Owens/Dear Ms Owens

BWRIAD/PROPOSAL: CHANGE OF USE OF LAND FOR THE KEEPING OF HORSES INCLUDING ERECTION OF STABLES (PROPOSED) AND GRADING OF LAND TO FORM LEVEL AREA FOR ANIMAL WELFARE (RETROSPECTIVE).

LLEOLIAD/LOCATION: LAND TO THE SOUTH WEST OF 152 HEOLGERRIG, HEOLGERRIG, MERTHYR TYDFIL.

Thank you for consulting Cyfoeth Naturiol Cymru/Natural Resources Wales about the above, which we received on 23 November 2022.

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

Cwm Glo a Glyndyrys Site of Special Scientific Interest (SSSI)

The proposed development is immediately adjacent to the Cwm Glo a Glyndyrys SSSI.

We note that no ecological survey work has been undertaken as part of the proposals. Our records indicate that the application area contains semi-natural habitat. Given the proximity of the site to the nearby Cwm Glo a Glyndyrys SSSI which is known to support a population of the marsh fritillary butterfly we would request that the application site is surveyed for the presence of devil's bit scabious (the larval food plant of the marsh fritillary butterfly).

We note that your in-house Ecologist, Matt Davies has requested that a Preliminary Ecological Appraisal (PEA) be undertaken to inform the application. We recommend that a search for devil's bit scabious form part of this assessment. Please consult NRW if you require our advice on any surveys undertaken.

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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