

INTERNAL MEMORANDUM

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SUBJECT: P/23/0200 | Construction of footpaths within existing public open space | Land To The North West Of Glasier Road And To The South Of Taff Glen View And Primrose Hill, Twynyrodyn

SITE DESCRIPTIONS

Designated sites within 500m of the application site:

- Sites of Importance for Nature Conservation (SINC) – x1 (Afon Taf, c.376m from site)

Locally important onsite features:

- Open space site (The Incline, Twynyrodyn);
- Biodiversity site (managed for grassland species)

Priority and protected species within 500m of the application site:

- Birds (including Schedule 1¹ and Section 7² species);
- Invertebrates (including Section 7² species);
- Bats (closest roost record for unidentified bat species, c.228m from site);
- Otter;
- Hedgehog

A walkover Preliminary Ecological Appraisal (PEA) of onsite areas impacted by the proposed works (undertaken by a suitably qualified and experienced ecologist) is required. This must provide sufficient information for the local planning authority to assess any potential adverse impacts of the proposed development on priority and protected species and/or habitats, or to identify what further information is required before a full assessment is possible.

It is noted that the proposed new pathways will mostly follow existing routes/desire lines across the site, however, some of the new pathway layout will disrupt intact habitat. There may be impacts on, for example, ground nesting birds, reptiles, invertebrates. If any pathways are near onsite trees, root protection zones will need to be established. There are also onsite records for Japanese knotweed, which will have to be considered.

¹ Wildlife & Countryside Act 1981 (as amended)

² Environment (Wales) Act 2016

The results of the PEA will be used to inform whether further surveys are required, or to establish the need for and extent of any avoidance, mitigation and compensation measures required as part of the proposed development.

An Aderyn data search is NOT required from SEWBReC, as this can be supplied MTCBC.

There will need to be enhancement of the site in line with the Environment (Wales) Act 2016.