

# INTERNAL MEMORANDUM

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**SUBJECT: P/23/0216 | Extension to existing changing rooms and new boundary fence to lower pitch | Land At Pavilion And Changing Rooms Pantyffyn Road Penyard Merthyr Tydfil CF47 0LB**

Changing room building close to connected habitat suitable for protected species.

Designated sites within 500m (or closest to) the application site:

- Sites of Importance for Nature Conservation (SINC) – Glynmill, c.691m from site;
- Ancient Semi Natural Woodland (ASNW) – x1;
- Restored Ancient Woodland Site (RAWS) – x1;
- Buglife B-Lines Area – x1 (c.140m from site)

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

- Birds (including Schedule 1<sup>1</sup> and Section 7<sup>2</sup> species);
- Invertebrates (including Section 7<sup>2</sup> species);
- Bats (closest roost record for unidentified species, c.694 from site);
- Hedgehog;
- Amphibians (including great crested newt, closest record c.424m from site);
- Vascular plants (including Section 7<sup>2</sup> species).

A Preliminary Ecological Appraisal (PEA) of the site to include a Preliminary Roost Assessment (PRA) for bats and nesting birds of the onsite building (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.

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

An Aderyn data search is required from SEWBReC (Package B 1km).

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

<sup>1</sup> Wildlife & Countryside Act 1981 (as amended)

<sup>2</sup> Environment (Wales) Act 2016