

INTERNAL MEMORANDUM

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SUBJECT: P/23/0213 | Change of use of cattery to self-contained annexe with associated external alterations | 1 Brecon Walk Quakers Yard Treharris CF46 5AJ

SITE:

Cattery building next to high value habitat for protection species (e.g., bats, nesting birds, invertebrates).

PROPOSED WORKS:

Partly consisting of external alterations to the building, for example:

1. External insulation to walls, rendered over;
2. External insulation to roof - to be covered with single ply membrane; and
3. Alterations to fenestration including new openings.

LOCAL BIODIVERSITY RECORDS:

Designated sites within 500m of the application site:

- Sites of Importance for Nature Conservation (SINC) – x5 (closest, Lower Taf and Edwardsville, immediately adjacent to the site);
- Ancient Semi Natural Woodland (ASNW) – x16 (closest example is immediately adjacent to the site)

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

- Birds (including Schedule 1¹ and Section 7² species);
- Fish (including Section 7² species);
- Invertebrates (including Section 7² species);
- Lichens (including Section 7² species);
- Bats (closest roost records for an unidentified bat species in x2 locations, c.92m from site);
- Otter;
- Hedgehog;
- Reptiles;
- Amphibians;
- Fish (including Section 7² species);
- Vascular plants

¹ Wildlife & Countryside Act 1981 (as amended)

² Environment (Wales) Act 2016

REQUIREMENTS:

A Preliminary Roost Assessment (PRA) for bats and nesting birds of the 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 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.

A BARB+ data search is not required from SEWBReC.

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