

INTERNAL MEMORANDUM

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SUBJECT: P/23/0083 | Erection of rural enterprise dwelling | Pendducae Fawr Farm Treharris CF46 6UE

Document submitted in support of this application:

1. Penddeugae Fawr Farm, Treharris, Merthyr Tydfil, CF46 6UE. Bat Survey Report. Version 2. Final. Date 11/10/23.

COMMENTS

Document 1

Page iii, Executive Summary - Recommendation 4 (Hibernation and Pipistrelles) – “*Any works ... during the winter months (October-April – inclusive), to be supervised by a suitably qualified and experienced bat ecologist under the direction of a method statement.*”

Page 9, C. Timing of Works – “*... works will not be restricted by time of year.*”

- **Works are unacceptable (and will be avoided) within the hibernation season for bats. Document 1 will be amended to reflect this.**
- **Plans showing the following are required (prior to determination):**
 - The positions of the surveyors during the survey.
 - The exit points for bat emergence plus the direction bats flew away from the roost. NB the exit points must also be marked on site photographs.
 - The general bat activity during the surveys, including any relevant foraging behaviour exhibited by bats following emergence.
 - The positions of the proposed *modification/replacement of existing roosts* and the *creation of new roosts* (page 10, Sections F and G respectively). These will be marked on all relevant architects’ plans, drawings and/or elevations.
 - The general area that the four bat boxes and two bird boxes will be installed.
- **A statement will be added to Document 1 regarding a post-works compliance visit by the commissioned ecologist to ensure acceptable installation of all bat and bird provision (both compensatory and for enhancement).**

- A lighting scheme/plan will be required preferably prior to determination (as per Recommendation 3, page 10). However, alternatively, this could be secured via an appropriately worded planning condition, which would require written approval from the LPA ecologist in order to discharge.
- The following advisory notes will be added to the decision notice should planning permission be granted:

BATS

Warning: A European Protected Species (EPS) Licence is required for this development.

This planning permission does not provide consent to undertake works that require an EPS licence.

It is an offence to deliberately kill, injure, capture or disturb a bat or to recklessly damage or destroy their breeding sites or resting places. If found guilty of any offences, you could be sent to prison for up to 6 months and/or receive an unlimited fine. To undertake works within the law, you can obtain further information on the need for a licence from Natural Resources Wales on 0300 065 3000 or at <https://naturalresources.wales/permits-and-permissions/species-licensing/apply-for-a-protected-species-licence/bat-licences/?lang=en>

NESTING BIRDS

All birds, their nests and eggs are protected by law under the Wildlife and Countryside Act 1981 (as amended) while they are breeding.

If works to any trees, hedgerows and/or other nesting bird habitat (including buildings with suitable features) are to be undertaken, they will take place outside of the bird nesting season. If the works must be undertaken during the nesting season (generally from 1st March until 31st August, although birds are known to nest outside of these dates in suitable conditions), a breeding bird survey will be required and must be carried out by a suitably qualified ecologist. Any active nests identified will be protected until the young have fledged.

Where a Schedule 1 species (as defined in the Wildlife and Countryside Act - <https://www.legislation.gov.uk/ukpga/1981/69/schedule/1>) is involved, compensation for impacts, e.g., loss of nesting sites, will be devised and implemented.