

INTERNAL MEMORANDUM

To	Gareth Davies
From	Matt Davies
Memo #	1
Date	21/08/2026
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Application:	P/26/0185 Provision of Bin Store Travel Inn Duffryn Road Pentrebach Merthyr Tydfil CF48 4BB

REQUIREMENTS AND COMMENTS

Survey work?	NO	No ecological survey work required, however, there will need to be enhancement in line with the Environment (Wales) Act 2016 and Welsh Government Circular 'Securing Biodiversity Enhancements' sent to Heads of planning in October 2019.
Planning Policy Wales 12 (Chapter 6)	YES	The main elements of the policy (that are or may be relevant to this application) are as follows: ○ <i>GREEN INFRASTRUCTURE: stronger emphasis on taking a proactive approach to green infrastructure, the submission of a proportionate green infrastructure statement [GIS] with planning applications and signposting Building with Nature standards.</i> ○ <i>NET BENEFIT FOR BIODIVERSITY AND THE STEP-WISE APPROACH: further clarity is provided on securing net benefit for biodiversity through the application of the step-wise approach, including the acknowledgement of off-site compensation measures as a last resort, and, the need to consider enhancement and long-term management at each step. The use of the green infrastructure statement as a means of demonstrating the stepwise approach is made explicit. A simplified diagram of the policy approach has been developed (included within PPW12). The importance of strategic collaboration to identify and capture larger scale opportunities for securing a net benefit for biodiversity is recognised.</i> ○ <i>PROTECTION FOR SITES OF SPECIAL SCIENTIFIC INTEREST: strengthened approach to the protection of SSSIs, with increased clarity on the position for site management and exemptions for minor development necessary to maintain a 'living landscape'. Other development is considered unacceptable as a matter of principle. Exceptionally, a planned approach may be appropriate where necessary safeguards can be secured through a development plan</i> ○ <i>TREES AND WOODLANDS: closer alignment with the stepwise approach, along with promoting new planting as part of development based on securing the right tree in the right place.</i> For further information, see here - Planning Policy Wales - Edition 12 (gov.wales)