

INTERNAL MEMORANDUM

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SUBJECT: P/23/0081 | Change of use to a dwelling with associated works including demolition of side annexe and erection of side extension, insertion of new windows and roof lights, installation of flue to rear, creation of parking area, re-profiling and erection of retaining wall and fencing | Church Hall Church Street Penydarren Merthyr Tydfil CF47 9HS

Former church hall building in a poor state of repair, close to valuable habitat for foraging bat and bird species.

Designated sites within 500m of the application site:

- Within a Buglife B-Lines Area

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.846m from site);
- Hedgehog;
- Amphibians (including great crested newt, closest record c.1100m from site);
- Vascular plants (including Section 7² species).

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

NB images on StreetView indicate that the building will need at either x2 or x3 dusk emergence surveys (to be informed by the PRA) supplemented by the use of [NVAs](#). In addition, a static detector will be deployed within the structure for 5 consecutive nights in favourable weather conditions for bats.

¹ Wildlife & Countryside Act 1981 (as amended)

² Environment (Wales) Act 2016

A BARB+ data search required from SEWBReC.

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