

INTERNAL MEMORANDUM

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SUBJECT: P/22/0084 | Construction of two garages and bike store | Land At River Row Abercanaid Merthyr Tydfil

Land alongside existing garage block and adjacent to wooded river corridor.

Designated sites within 500m of the application site:

- Sites of Importance for Nature Conservation (SINC) – x3 (site within the Afon Taf SINC);
- Ancient Semi Natural Woodland (ASNW) – x1;
- NRW Priority Area (Heathland and Grassland) – x1.

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 common pipistrelle, 18m from site);
- Otter;
- Badger;
- Polecat;
- Hedgehog;
- Reptiles;
- Amphibians;
- Vascular plants.

A Preliminary Ecological Appraisal (PEA) 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 PEA 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 C 2km).

¹ Wildlife & Countryside Act 1981 (as amended)

² Environment (Wales) Act 2016

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