

INTERNAL MEMORANDUM

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SUBJECT: P/22/0083 | Proposed barn conversion to form a residential dwelling | Tyla-Glas Farm Craig Y Hendre Bedlinog Treharris CF46 6SN

Barn building at farm to the east of Bedlinog, with adjacent tree habitat. Set within a landscape of agricultural fields, grassland, hedgerows, scrub, ponds, stream habitat and pockets of woodland.

Barn is proposed to be converted.

The Technical Note supplied by BE Ecological Ltd, received 08/04/22 outlines an initial visit to the barn (Preliminary Roost Assessment, PRA). The barn was found to have high suitability for roosting bats and was identified as a roost (droppings were present within the structure). Further bat survey work has been recommended.

I will need a document with more details of the PRA, for example:

- features of the barn suitable for bats, types of bat the barn is suitable for (e.g., crevice dwelling species, roof void-dwelling species, species that need flying access);
- types of roost that the barn could accommodate (day, night, feeding, transitional, maternity, swarming, hibernation etc); and
- information regarding which bat species the bat droppings were characteristic of.

Based on the brief information provided so far within the Technical Note, I will be expecting at least three separate bat activity survey visits together with an automated/static bat detector survey of the inside of the barn (10 consecutive nights).

The barn is also likely to be suitable for hibernating bats – this issue must also be addressed.

In addition, the bat droppings will need to be sent off for DNA analysis.

Any trees (or other habitat) impacted by the works must also be part of the ecological survey work.

NB this survey work must be undertaken and report supplied prior to determination of this planning application.

A BARB+ data search will be required from SEWBrEC.

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