

INTERNAL MEMORANDUM

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SUBJECT: P/19/0307 LAND TO REAR OF CHERRY TREE WAY, TRELEWIS

[Proposed construction of new bungalow, to include widening the existing highway]

From the aerial images and Street View the area of land in question appears to have trees, scrub, some grassland along with a number of garage structures.

The proposed plans appear to show that all of these elements will be impacted by the development.

The site is well-connected to the tree-lined railway line c.35m to the east.

There are protected habitats within 500m of the site (SINCs, Ancient Semi Natural Woodland and Ancient Woodland Site of Unknown Category).

There are also records for priority and protected species within 500m, for example bats (inc. roosts), birds (inc. Schedule 1 species), reptiles, otter, badger, hedgehog, invertebrates.

There was a specific record of a probable roost for soprano pipistrelle, cited at 38 from site. This was a bat care record and the bat was released at the rescue site (the application site). A conversation with the bat worker revealed that the bat was rescued from a water butt on the application site itself.

A Preliminary Ecological Appraisal (PEA) of the site is required to provide sufficient information for the local planning authority to fully assess the potential ecological impacts of the proposed development, or to identify what further information is required before a full assessment can be made.

The result of the PEA will be used to inform whether further surveys are required, or to establish the need for, and extent of, any mitigation or compensation measures required as part of the proposed development.

NB a Preliminary Roost Assessment (PRA) for bats and nesting birds is also required for the onsite garage structures. This will inform whether further activity surveys are required.

A full SEWBRc data search will be required for records within 2km of the site.