

INTERNAL MEMORANDUM

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SUBJECT: P/21/0225 | PROPOSED EXTENSION TO ALDI STORES, DEMOLITION OF THE EXISTING CAR SALES BUILDING, BOUNDARY WALL, AND FORECOURT TO FACILITATE EXTENSION, RE-CONFIGURATION OF THE EXISTING CAR PARK AND OTHER EXTERNAL WORKS | ALDI FOODSTORE LTD AND SIMON JONES CARS PLYMOUTH STREET MERTHYR TYDFIL CF47 0TP

Ecological report submitted in support of the above application:

- o *Ecological Assessment. Aldi, Merthyr Tydfil. 16th June 2021. Tyler Grange. TG Report No. 13892_R01b_LT_MM*

Summary of requirements:

1. SEWBReC reference number
2. Minor amendments (e.g., NERC Act, Habitats of Principal Importance)
3. Statement regarding bats
4. Amendments to planting scheme (native species)
5. Further info – bat and bird boxes, pollution avoidance

Details:

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2	Unique SEWBReC reference number related to the Aderyn data search missing.	To be added in (this is a standard request for all ecological reports that include biological data).
	Footnote 4 – refers to the NERC Act. This is out of date and has been superseded by the Environment (Wales) Act 2016.	Please amend.
5	Para 3.5 states there are no Habitats of Principal Importance within, or adjacent to the the site. This is incorrect given the proximity of the Afon Taf SINC.	Please amend.
12	Bats – whilst both onsite buildings (B1 and B2) have been categorised as having negligible potential suitability for roosting, there remain some opportunities particularly for B2 (e.g., gap behind signage).	A short methodology for dismantling sensitive areas where there is an outside chance of encountering bats should be added along with a statement of the course of action that should be taken should bats or their signs be identified.
15	Paras 4.10 and 4.11 - new planting species referred to are all ornamental non-natives.	Please replace these with native species of local (or at least Welsh) provenance. The

		new soft landscaping provides a good opportunity to increase onsite native biodiversity, both as compensation for specimens lost due to the development and as enhancement. This is in line with the Section 6 duty regarding maintenance and enhancement of biodiversity.
	Para 4.14 – some out of date references - CHSR (2010) and NERC Act (as previously referred to).	Please amend.
15 & 16	A little more info needed re the bat and bird boxes – specification (must be made from robust materials that will persist, therefore no wood), height and orientation of erected boxes.	Please add.
16	Again, there are references to the NERC Act (paras 4.21 and 4.22).	Please amend.
	Para 4.24 – more detail needed re the pollution avoidance measures.	Please add.