

INTERNAL MEMORANDUM

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SUBJECT: P/23/0075 | Removal of single storey extensions to side and rear, erection of two storey rear extension, new pitched roof over extension and existing dwelling with raised ridge line to provide loft accommodation with two front dormers, two new chimneys, single storey rear extension and other external alterations and new garage in garden | Waunfach House Winch Fawr Road Heolgerrig Merthyr Tydfil CF48 1TF

House and shed in overgrown plot, adjacent to scrub/woodland habitat. There is nearby garden habitat, scrub, woodland, grassland and stream habitat.

Designated sites within 500m of the application site:

- Site of Special Scientific Interest (SSSI) – x1 (Cwm Glo a Glyndyrys, c.189m from site);
- Sites of Importance for Nature Conservation (SINC) – x2 (closest, Cwm Glo, c.188m from site);
- Ancient Semi Natural Woodland (ASNW) – x1;
- NRW Priority Area (Heathland and Grassland) – x1;
- Within a Buglife B-Lines Area

Priority and protected species within 500m of the application site:

- Birds (including Schedule 1¹ and Section 7² species);
- Fungi and Slime Moulds (including Section 7² species);
- Invertebrates (including marsh fritillary butterfly, closest record, c.159m from site and other Section 7² species);
- Bats (closest record for unidentified pipistrelle species, c.160m from site);
- Water vole;
- Harvest mouse;
- Hedgehog;
- Reptiles;
- Amphibians (including great crested newt, closest record c.112m from site);
- Vascular plants (including Section 7² species)

A Preliminary Ecological Appraisal (PEA) of the wider site plus a Preliminary Roost Assessment (PRA) for bats and nesting birds of the onsite buildings and structures (undertaken by a suitably qualified and experienced ecologist) is required. This must provide sufficient information for the local planning authority to assess any potential

¹ Wildlife & Countryside Act 1981 (as amended)

² Environment (Wales) Act 2016

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 and 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.

An Aderyn data search is required from SEWBReC (Package C 2km).

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