

INTERNAL MEMORANDUM

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SUBJECT: P/22/0007 | Construction of two dwellings with integral garages and associated landscaping and access works. | Land Adjoining 1 Cae Deri Heolgerrig Merthyr Tydfil CF48 1BY

Area of grassland and scrub at the western edge of Heolgerrig. Well-linked to nearby SINC site.

Designated sites within 500m of the application site:

- Site of Special Scientific Interest (SSSI): Cwm Glo a Glyndyrys, c.320m from site;
- Sites of Importance for Nature Conservation (SINC): closest, Winchfawr West, c.69m from site;
- NRW Priority Area (Heathland and Grassland);
- Within Buglife B-Lines Area.

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

- Birds (including Schedule 1¹ species);
- Invertebrates (including Marsh Fritillary, closest record, c.393m from site and other Section 7² species);
- Bats (closest records for brown long-eared bat, common pipistrelle and *Myotis* sp, c.92m from site);
- Water vole (c.414m from site);
- Hedgehog;
- Reptiles;
- Amphibians (including great crested newt, closest record c.367m from site);
- 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.

¹ Wildlife & Countryside Act 1981 (as amended)

² Environment (Wales) Act 2016

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.