

INTERNAL MEMORANDUM

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**SUBJECT: P/24/0285 | Proposed Flying Start Creche New Build | Ysgol Santes Tudful Pantyffyn Road
Penyard Merthyr Tydfil CF47 0HU**

DOCUMENTS SUBMITTED IN SUPPORT OF THE ABOVE APPLICATION

1. Ysgol Santes Tydfil, Merthyr Tydfil. Preliminary Ecological Appraisal prepared by BE Ecological Ltd. Issue 1, Revision VA. Dated 19/11/2024.

COMMENTS re Document 1

Page 10, 4.5.11 *Amenity grassland* – question: is this a remnant from another report?

*“This habitat is found across the main body of the site. **The garden has colonised with native species due to lack of management over the years. There are numerous non-native species present throughout it.**”*

Page 34, Appendix E – again, a remnant from another report?

*“It is recognised that the footprint of the scheme removes **an area of overgrown garden.**”*

Please amend if required.

Page 25, CONCLUSION AND RECOMMENDATIONS

*“A viable Ecological Mitigation Strategy (MS) has been included in the appendix for **nesting birds, reptiles and invertebrates.**”*

NB the appendices only include a mitigation strategy for reptiles (Appendix F).

REQUIREMENTS

LANDSCAPING, HABITAT & ECOLOGY SCHEME

A detailed long-term Landscaping, Habitat & Ecology Scheme (LHES) is required. The LHES must include, but not be limited to, the following:

- Details of retained landscaping/habitat/green infrastructure
- Details of new landscaping/habitat/green infrastructure (including the proposed green roof, wildflower/grassland and any other proposed planting). NB if any trees are to be removed, they must be replaced with three trees for every one removed (as per Planning Policy Wales 12).
- A planting plan. NB all species will be native and of local (if not Welsh or UK) provenance
- Long term (at least 25 years) maintenance and management measures for all onsite landscaping/habitat/green infrastructure (both retained and new)
- Details of other ecological measures, e.g., bat boxes, bird boxes, hibernacula, gaps in boundaries for hedgehogs etc
- Monitoring post-development for all onsite landscaping/habitat/green infrastructure and other ecological measures

- Details of the funding mechanisms to meet the maintenance, management and monitoring objectives.
- A viable Ecological Mitigation Strategy (MS) for nesting birds, reptiles and invertebrates.

The LHES will be cross-referenced with the Green Infrastructure Statement (in Document 1).

ECOLOGICAL COMPENSATION AND ENHANCEMENT MEASURES

All ecological compensation and enhancement measures will be marked on all relevant architect plans, drawings and elevations. This will include, for example, bird box, bat box, gaps in boundaries for hedgehogs, reptile hibernaculum, wildflower area, lawned area.

PLANNING CONDITIONS

LIGHTING SCHEME

No development shall take place (including ground works, vegetation clearance) until an internal *and* external Lighting Scheme has been submitted to and approved in writing by the local planning authority. The lighting plan must demonstrate dark zones at the boundaries and across the site. Wildlife boxes must not be illuminated (bat, bird) and there must be dark routes to allow barrier-free access to the boxes. The Lighting Scheme must conform to the latest guidance for wildlife-friendly lighting. Guidance Note GN08/23 Bats and Artificial Lighting At Night. Bat Conservation Trust and The Institute of Lighting Professionals 2023 - <https://theilp.org.uk/publication/guidance-note-8-bats-and-artificial-lighting/>

NB although this document is aimed at bats, the principles are the similar for other nocturnal and crepuscular species.

COMPLIANCE

Evidence that ecological measures have been installed, created, implemented etc will be required on completion of the development. This evidence must be submitted to and approved in writing by the local planning authority.