

INTERNAL MEMORANDUM

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SUBJECT: P/22/0054 | Variation of condition 1 of planning permission P/17/0055 to extend the period of time for works to commence on site | 19 Springfield Rise Treharris Merthyr Tydfil

Site with scrub and some grassland patches and directly linked to wider environment – grassland, scrub, trees, woodland, agricultural fields.

Designated sites within 500m of the application site:

- Sites of Importance for Nature Conservation (SINC): x3 (closest, c.42m – Coed Cefn-fforest & Cwm Cothi);
- Ancient Semi Natural Woodland (ASNW): x6;
- Ancient Woodland Site of Unknown Category (AWSUC): x2.

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

- Birds (including Schedule 1¹ species);
- Fish (including Section 7² species);
- Invertebrates (including Section 7² species);
- Bats (closest roost record for unidentified species, c.217m from site);
- Otter;
- Badger;
- Hedgehog;
- Reptiles;
- Amphibians (including Section 7² species);
- 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.