

INTERNAL MEMORANDUM

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SUBJECT: P/21/0359 | Erection of dwelling (outline with all matters reserved) | 1 Park View Houses Heolgerrig Heolgerrig Merthyr Tydfil CF48 1SY

Garden site, in close proximity to SINC and SSSI sites.

Designated sites within 500m of the application site:

- Site of Special Scientific Interest (SSSI): x1 (Cwm Glo a Glyndyrys), c.94m from site.
- Sites of Importance for Nature Conservation (SINC): x2 (closest Cwm Glo), c.94m 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 species);
- Fungi (including Section 7² species);
- Invertebrates (including marsh fritillary butterfly, nearest record c.142m from site, and other Section 7² species);
- Bats (closest record for unidentified *Pipistrellus* species, c.78m from site);
- Water vole;
- Hedgehog;
- Reptiles;
- Amphibians (including great crested newt, closest record c.95m from site);
- Vascular plants (including Section 7² species).

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.

¹ Wildlife & Countryside Act 1981 (as amended)

² Environment (Wales) Act 2016

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.

An Aderyn data search will not be required in this instance (NB there are nearby records, e.g., for marsh fritillary butterfly (c.142m), bats (c.78m), great crested newt (c.95m – found in garden to the east of the site).