

INTERNAL MEMORANDUM

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SUBJECT: P/21/0225 | PROPOSED EXTENSION TO ALDI STORES, DEMOLITION OF THE EXISTING CAR SALES BUILDING, BOUNDARY WALL, AND FORECOURT TO FACILITATE EXTENSION, RE-CONFIGURATION OF THE EXISTING CAR PARK AND OTHER EXTERNAL WORKS | ALDI FOODSTORE LTD AND SIMON JONES CARS PLYMOUTH STREET MERTHYR TYDFIL CF47 0TP

Commercial site with onsite buildings and planting - adjacent to wooded river corridor.

Designated sites within 500m of the application site:

- Sites of Importance for Nature Conservation (SINC) – x1 (Afon Taf, adjacent to south western boundary)
- NRW Priority Area (Heathland and Grassland) – x1

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

- Birds (including Schedule 1¹ species);
- Invertebrates (including Section 7² species);
- Bats (closest roost record for soprano pipistrelle, 321m from site);
- Otter (closest record, 83m from site);
- Hedgehog;
- Amphibians.

A Preliminary Ecological Appraisal (PEA) of the site as a whole plus a Preliminary Roost Assessment (PRA) for bats and nesting birds of the onsite buildings (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 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.

¹ Wildlife & Countryside Act 1981 (as amended)

² Environment (Wales) Act 2016