

INTERNAL MEMORANDUM

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SUBJECT: P/21/0215 | ERECTION OF CANOPY TO FORM COVERED SEATING AREA, INSTALLATION OF 5 NO. FIXED BENCHES, ERECTION OF NEW SINGLE STOREY W.C. EXTENSION OF EXTERNAL SERVING AREA AND NEW FLAT ROOF OVER, CREATION OF NEW PORCH, NEW RAMP AND STEPPED ACCESS AND NEW BOUNDARY WALLS | RED SPICE 1 BETHESDA STREET MERTHYR TYDFIL CF47 8LL

Restaurant building situated on immediately adjacent to the Afon Taf

Designated sites within 500m of the application site:

- Sites of Importance for Nature Conservation (SINC) – x2:
 - Afon Taf (adjacent to south western boundary)
 - Cwm Taf Fechan (465m from site)
- Within a Buglife B-Lines Area

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 unidentified bat species, 73m from site);
- Otter (closest record 22m from site);
- Hedgehog;
- Amphibians.

Due to the proximity of the Afon Taf SINC, a Preliminary Ecological Appraisal (PEA) of the site (undertaken by a suitably qualified and experienced ecologist) is required. An assessment of the adjacent river (in particular in terms of otter) must be included. 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.

An Aderyn data search is required from SEWBReC (Package C 2km).

¹ Wildlife & Countryside Act 1981 (as amended)

² Environment (Wales) Act 2016

There will need to be consideration shown e.g., for the adjacent SINC and the presence of otter and bat species.

NB extra lighting along the river corridor will not be acceptable.

There will also need to be enhancement of the site in line with the Environment (Wales) Act 2016.