

INTERNAL MEMORANDUM

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SUBJECT: P/22/0095 | Change of use to coach parking facility with associated hardstanding area | Taff Bargoed Centre Trelewis CF46 6RD

Hardstanding area adjacent to large building (all metal-construction) both used for parking/storage of buses in a range of sizes. Site within a block of woodland, well connected to the wider environment.

Designated sites within 500m of the application site:

- Sites of Importance for Nature Conservation (SINC) – x3 (closest, c.105m; Afon Bargod Taf);
- Ancient Semi Natural Woodland (ASNW) – x4;
- Restored Ancient Woodland Site (RAWS) – x1;
- Plantation on Ancient Woodland Site (PAWS) – x1;
- NRW Priority Area (Woodland – PAWS).

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

- Birds (including Schedule 1¹ and Section 7² species);
- Fish (including Section 7² species);
- Invertebrates (including Section 7² species);
- Bats (closest roost record for unidentified bat species, c.68m from site at the Summit Centre);
- Otter;
- Hedgehog;
- Reptiles;
- Amphibians;
- Vascular plants (including Section 7² species).

A Preliminary Ecological Appraisal (PEA) of the site (to include the previously cleared area in the north of the site and 50m beyond the site boundary) undertaken by a suitably qualified and experienced ecologist is required.

This must provide sufficient information for the local planning authority to assess any adverse impacts of the development (already completed) on priority and protected species and/or habitats that exist, or may have existed prior to the works undertaken at the site.

¹ Wildlife & Countryside Act 1981 (as amended)

² Environment (Wales) Act 2016

The results of the PEA will be used to inform the extent of compensation measures required for the onsite habitats lost and the impacts on protected and priority species.

If adequate compensation cannot be provided onsite, offsite compensation will be required.

There will need to be a 10 year maintenance and management plan for the previously cleared area in the north of the site.

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.