

INTERNAL MEMORANDUM

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SUBJECT: P/21/0388 | Proposed dwelling at 2 Carn Gwilym Goch, Cefn Coed, Merthyr Tydfil

Aerial photography show the site to consist of grassland and scrub. There is nearby agricultural and common land together with woodland, grassland, scrub, wooded river corridor and garden habitats.

The proposed scheme will impact the onsite habitat.

Designated sites within 500m of the application site:

- Sites of Importance for Nature Conservation (SINC): x3 (**closest – Cilsanws Common South, which bounds the site along the north eastern site boundary**);
- Ancient Semi Natural Woodland (ASNW): x4;
- Restored Ancient Woodland Site (RAWS): x1;
- Within a Buglife B-Lines Area.

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

- Birds (including Schedule 1¹ species);
- Invertebrates (**including marsh fritillary butterfly – closest record, c. 189m from site** – and other Section 7² species);
- Bats (**closest roost records for brown long-eared bat, common pipistrelle, soprano pipistrelle, c.85m from site**. Other species within the records include Daubenton's bat and noctule);
- Otter;
- Badger;
- Hedgehog;
- Reptiles;
- Amphibians;
- Vascular plants (including Section 7² species).

¹ Wildlife & Countryside Act 1981 (as amended)

² Environment (Wales) Act 2016

A Preliminary Ecological Appraisal (PEA) 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.

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.

NB the PEA can be used as a scoping report (for non-EIA projects), but should not be submitted as part of a planning application unless it can be determined that the project or scheme would have no significant ecological effects, no mitigation is required and no further surveys are necessary; with the exception of such cases it should be superseded by an Ecological Impact Assessment (EcIA) Report (non-EIA).