

INTERNAL MEMORANDUM

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SUBJECT: P/20/0017 – Trelewis Primary School

(New classroom building with an associated sheltered walkway to the existing school)

Possible parts of the site to be impacted by the proposed development include school buildings, a tree and grassland habitat.

Protected and priority species identified within 500m of the site included the following: bats (including roosts); birds (Including Schedule 1 species); otter; badger; reptiles; amphibians; invertebrates; fish; vascular plants.

There is nearby linked habitat suitable for protected species (scattered trees; grassland; woodland pockets; agricultural fields; hedges; treelines; wooded river corridor).

In addition, within 500m of the site, there are designated sites (3x Sites of Importance for Nature Conservation; 10x Ancient Semi Natural Woodland; 3x Ancient Woodland Site of Unknown Category).

A Preliminary Roost Assessment (PRA) for bats and nesting birds was undertaken at the school site by Wildwood Ecology in March 2017.

The findings of the 2017 survey were as follows:

'The school building (main section and nursery) had a range of potential roosting features for bats. In addition, a single dropping was observed within the roof space of the main building and the nursery roof space has already been demonstrated to have bat roosts at both gable ends (with droppings indicating long-standing use).

The dropping (observed within the roof space of the main building) was characteristic of brown long-eared bat and was found on an internal platform.

Given the positioning of the droppings (within the nursery roof space), it is probable that they were deposited by a crevice-dwelling species of bat. The number of droppings may indicate maternity usage.

Elsewhere on the site there were a range of mature trees with significant features suitable for roosting bats and other habitats suitable for commuting and foraging bats.'

NB this 2017 survey is out-of-date (CIEEM, April 2019. Advice note: On the Lifespan of Ecological Reports and Surveys).

An up-to-date daytime Preliminary Ecological Appraisal (PEA) of all areas impacted by the proposed development plus a Preliminary Roost Assessment (PRA) for bats and nesting birds of the nearby school buildings is required. This will investigate any impacts of the works on these protected species and inform whether further surveys are necessary.

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