

INTERNAL MEMORANDUM

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Date of Memo 1: 09/08/2021
Date: 30/06/2022

SUBJECT: P/21/0273 | REFURBISHMENT OF FLATS INCLUDING RE ROOFING, INSTALLATION OF EXTRA WALL INSULATION SYSTEM, NEW WINDOWS AND DOORS AND NEW DOOR ENTRY SYSTEM | 1-6 PONTSARN CLOSE PONTSARN MERTHYR TYDFIL CF48 2TW

The following document (responding to comments made in Memo #2, 09/08/2021) was provided to the LPA ecologist in an e-mail dated 28/06/2022:

- o 16-06-2022 - SBE Cardiff Letterhead - Planning Response.pdf

Further comments:

The comments made in memo #2 regarding the EPSL licence application were formulated to highlight a few discrepancies. As mentioned this was really a matter to be dealt with between the applicant and NRW. It is therefore a moot point, but the responses provided regarding this are acceptable.

The comments made in relation to lifting any objection to the granting of planning permission are more relevant. Those comments are shown below in italics, further comments in green.

- o *The recommendations, specifications, dates of the proposed works within document B will need to match up with the EPSL method statement (to include the amendments I have specified above) for review by the LPA ecologist prior to determination of planning.*

There will be a planning condition requiring that the installation of the External Wall Insulation will be undertaken between April and September. Access to allow continued use of this feature will be implemented using the specified mitigation of the integral bat boxes.

The decision notice will include the following advisory note regarding bat licensing:

- 'Warning: A European Protected Species (EPS) Licence is required for this development.

This planning permission does not provide consent to undertake works that require an EPS licence.

It is an offence to deliberately kill, injure, capture or disturb a bat or to recklessly damage or destroy their breeding sites or resting places. If found guilty of any offences, you could be sent to prison for up to 6 months and/or receive an unlimited fine. To undertake works within the law, you can obtain further information on the need for a licence from

Natural Resources Wales on 0300 065 3000 or at <https://naturalresources.wales/permits-and-permissions/species-licensing/apply-for-a-protected-species-licence/bat-licences/?lang=en> ‘

- *Specifications of the recommended bird boxes within Document A will need to be provided along with a plan showing their proposed positions.*

The positions of these bird boxes have been provided in Curtins drawing no: 078937 CUR 00 ZZ DR S 21001 P03. This is acceptable.

- *Positions of bat boxes, bat ridge access along with bird boxes will be added to all relevant drawings for the project (including architects plans).*

The positions of these bird boxes have been provided in Curtins drawing nos: 078937 CUR 00 ZZ DR S 21001 P03 and 078937 CUR 00 ZZ DR S 21002 P01. This is acceptable.

There will be planning conditions specifying adherence to the following documents:

1. Preliminary Roost Assessment. 1-6 Pontsarn Flats, Merthyr Tydfil. Elite Ecology. V1 dated 18/03/2020.
2. Bat Activity Survey. 1-6 Pontsarn Flats, Merthyr Tydfil. Elite Ecology. V2 dated 03/09/2020.
3. Curtins drawing nos: 078937 CUR 00 ZZ DR S 21001 P03 and 078937 CUR 00 ZZ DR S 21002 P01.
4. Bat method statement – 1-6 Pontsarn Flats Merthyr Tydfil Rev 2 2021-01-19
5. NRW Licence Application Form DF1A13ADBCCC4F2CB4431C2A4796A4B3