

# INTERNAL MEMORANDUM

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**SUBJECT: P/23/0188 | Erection of a stable block | Land To The South Of Cilhaul And To The West Of Evan Street Treharris**

Horse-grazed field with trees and scrub and well linked to surrounding valuable habitat.

Designated sites within 500m of the application site:

- Sites of Importance for Nature Conservation (SINC) – x3 (closest to site, Coed Cefn-fforest & Cwm Cothi);
- Ancient Semi Natural Woodland (ASNW) – x5;
- Restored Ancient Woodland Site (RAWS) – x1;
- Ancient Woodland Site of Unknown Category (AWSUC) – x3

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

- Birds (including Schedule 1<sup>1</sup> and Section 7<sup>2</sup> species);
- Fish (including Section 7<sup>2</sup> species);
- Invertebrates (including Section 7<sup>2</sup> species);
- Lichens (including Section 7<sup>2</sup> species);
- Bats (closest roost record for unidentified bat species, c.179m from site);
- Otter;
- Badger;
- Hedgehog;
- Reptiles;
- Amphibians;
- Vascular plants

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.

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<sup>1</sup> Wildlife & Countryside Act 1981 (as amended)

<sup>2</sup> Environment (Wales) Act 2016

An Aderyn data search is not required in this instance from SEWBRcC.