

INTERNAL MEMORANDUM

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SUBJECT: P/25/0043 | Change of use of ground floor Barber shop to residential | 45 Perrott Street Treharris CF46 5ET

SITE DESCRIPTION

Building in a residential area close to well-connected, valuable habitat (for example, woodland and the wooded corridor of the Taff Bargoed).

PROPOSED WORKS AND POTENTIAL IMPACTS

See table below.

Proposed works	Works likely to impact protected species (if present)
Change of use of ground floor Barber shop to residential	Low likelihood

DESIGNATED SITES WITHIN 500M OF THE APPLICATION SITE

- ✓ Sites of Importance for Nature Conservation (SINC): x6 (closest, Afon Bargoed Taf, c150m from site)
- ✓ Ancient Semi Natural Woodland (ASNW): x9
- ✓ Ancient Woodland Site of Unknown Category (AWSUC): x1

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)
 - ✓ Marsh fritillary butterfly (Section 7² species), closest record c.1481 from site;
- ✓ Lichens (including Section 7² species);
- ✓ Mammals
 - ✓ Bats (European protected species³; some Section 7² species) - closest roost record for unidentified bat species, c.365m from site);
 - ✓ Otter (European protected species³; Section 7² species);
 - ✓ Dormouse (European protected species³; Section 7² species);
 - ✓ Hedgehog (Section 7² species);
- ✓ Reptiles (Section 7² species);
- ✓ Amphibians
 - ✓ Common toad (Section 7² species);
- ✓ Vascular plants.

¹ Wildlife & Countryside Act 1981 (as amended)

² Environment (Wales) Act 2016

³ Conservation of Habitats and Species Regulations 2017 (as amended)

DOCUMENT SUBMITTED IN SUPPORT OF THE ABOVE APPLICATION

- Biodiversity Enhancement Statement.pdf – date received 21/02/2025

Comments

The document requires amendment. For example, it is not dated, has no reference/version number and no details of authorship. Additionally, the document is vague with no real detail regarding the proposed planting (“... *the proposed raised beds will be planted with native shrubs and plants* ...”).

More details are needed regarding the proposed planting – what species will be used, how many specimens? All species must be native and of local (If not Welsh) provenance.

Brief details regarding long-term management and maintenance of the proposed new species are also required (including details of how the management will be funded).

All measures (bat, bird, bug boxes and raised planting beds) need to be clearly marked on the architect plans.

NB the document states that “*It should be noted that there is no evidence of bat activity within the immediate area of the site* ...”. The immediate area has not been defined, but there x16 known records for at least x4 bat species within 500m of the site. Please could this statement be removed?

OTHER POSSIBLE REQUIREMENTS

- Provided there are no proposed works that could impact roosting bats + nesting birds (including the roof covering, the roof space, bargeboards, fascia boards, soffit boxes, external cladding) - no ecological survey work required.

If any of these works are proposed, further comments will be required.

- Is any external lighting proposed? If so, it will need to comply with the following guidance:
 - <https://theilp.org.uk/publication/guidance-note-8-bats-and-artificial-lighting/>
 - <https://www.gov.wales/sites/default/files/publications/2025-02/dark-skies-guidance.pdf>