

INTERNAL MEMORANDUM

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P/20/0153 | ERECTION OF THREE DWELLINGS | LAND ADJOINING 48 HIGH STREET, TRELEWIS

It appears that the site has been cleared of vegetation and levelled out in anticipation of development. The site has little, therefore, in terms of habitat.

Notwithstanding the clearance of the site, it is found near to habitat (tall ruderal, scrub, wet grassland, pockets of woodland, river corridor, drainage ditch) that could be utilised by protected species (e.g., bats, birds).

There are known records for protected species (e.g., bats (including nearby roosts), birds (including Schedule 1 species), badger, hedgehog, otter, reptiles, amphibians, invertebrates, fish) within 500m.

There are designated sites within 500m of the site (5x Sites of Importance for Nature Conservation; 7x Ancient Semi Natural Woodland; 4x Ancient Woodland Site of Unknown Category).

The plans show the new housing will abut against the existing terraced housing. This has the potential to impact on any resident bat species.

A Preliminary Roost Assessment (PRA) for bats and nesting birds of the adjacent terraced house is required. It is appreciated that this house is outside of the site boundary and that internal access may not be possible. Under these circumstances, an exterior assessment of the adjacent building will suffice.

The desk study element of the PRA will require a BARB+ data search from SEWBreC.

The PRA will need to provide sufficient information for the local planning authority to assess the potential ecological impacts of the proposed development, or to identify what further information is required before a full assessment is possible. The results of the PRA will inform whether further surveys are required, or to establish the need for, and extent of, any mitigation or compensation measures required as part of the proposed development.

There will also need to be enhancement of the site in line with the Environment (Wales) Act 2016.