

INTERNAL MEMORANDUM

To: David Cross
From: Tom Bramley
Re: P/20/0138
Date: 7th July 2020

RE: P/20/0138 | Erecton of detached dwelling, garage and associated access/driveway | Land To The South Of Evieon Maes Meyrick Heolgerrig Merthyr Tydfil

With regards to the above application please find as follows:

The selected site sits between the Special Landscape Areas:

SLA2 Winchfawr
SLA3 Merthyr West Flank

The character of the site is more consistent with that of SLA3.

'The diversity and pattern of this landscape are distinctive and of high value. The naturally regenerated habitat mosaics are a particular feature of the Merthyr landscape and compare favourably visually with some of the sterile reclamation projects designed purely for industrial development or grazing.'

The site consists of a degraded land, formerly upland marginal small-scale fields, well concealed from the narrow highway that leads up to the ridgeline. There are extensive areas of vegetation marked on the topographical survey as scrub. The boundary vegetation adds character to the area generally. Boundary vegetation should be retained and protected during the construction. The information in the form of a tree / vegetation protection plan and a proposals plan for landscape work are absent from this application and should be provided as part of this application. Proposed landscape treatment should be in character with the site and consist where possible of native vegetation reflective of that found on the site.

It is also noted that the site is infested with Japanese Knotweed. It should be conditioned that a Japanese Knotweed management plan is prepared and submitted and instigated to the satisfaction of the LPA, prior to commencement on site. Standard conditions relating to invasive species, preparation of landscape proposals and a five-year management plan should be applied to this application.

Should you wish to discuss this matter further, then please do not hesitate to contact me.

Kind regards

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