

INTERNAL MEMORANDUM

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SUBJECT: P/21/0330 | ERECTION OF A RURAL ENTERPRISE DWELLING | PENCOEDCAE FARM CWMBLACS MERTHYR TYDFIL CF48 4AJ

The site is close to a wooded stream corridor (Nant Cwmbblacs) and an area of restored ancient woodland. There appears to be onsite grassland, scrub and outbuildings.

Designated sites within 500m of the application site:

- Sites of Importance for Nature Conservation (SINC): x2 (closest, Glynmill – 109m to the site);
- Ancient Semi Natural Woodland (ASNW): x1
- Restored Ancient Woodland Site (RAWS): x1 (**NB adjacent to site**)

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

- Birds (including Schedule 1¹ species);
- Invertebrates (including Section 7² species);
- Bats (closest roost record for unidentified bat species, **onsite**);
- Hedgehog;
- Brown hare;
- Amphibians (including great crested newt, closest record 590m from site);
- Vascular plants.

A Preliminary Ecological Appraisal (PEA) of the site and a Preliminary Roost Assessment (PRA) for bats and nesting birds of any onsite building to be impacted by the development is required – undertaken by a suitably qualified and experienced ecologist. 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 and PRA 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.

An Aderyn data search is required from SEWBRc (Package C 2km).

¹ Wildlife & Countryside Act 1981 (as amended)

² Environment (Wales) Act 2016

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