

INTERNAL MEMORANDUM

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SUBJECT: P/22/0084 | Construction of two garages and bike store | Land At River Row Abercanaid Merthyr Tydfil

Land alongside existing garage block and adjacent to wooded river corridor.

Designated sites within 500m of the application site:

- Sites of Importance for Nature Conservation (SINC) – x3 (site within the Afon Taf SINC);
- Ancient Semi Natural Woodland (ASNW) – x1;
- NRW Priority Area (Heathland and Grassland) – x1.

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

- Birds (including Schedule 1¹ and Section 7² species);
- Invertebrates (including Section 7² species);
- Bats (closest roost record for common pipistrelle, 18m from site);
- Otter;
- Badger;
- Polecat;
- Hedgehog;
- Reptiles;
- Amphibians;
- Vascular plants.

Recent onsite photographs show the site to be an area of hardstanding.

No ecological survey work will be required, subject to the following:

1. No lighting will be allowed.
2. Any grassland next to the site disrupted by the construction of the garages and bike store will be re-instated using the following seed mix:

EL1 – Flowering Lawn Mixture (<https://wildseed.co.uk/mixtures/view/56>) or equivalent.

¹ Wildlife & Countryside Act 1981 (as amended)

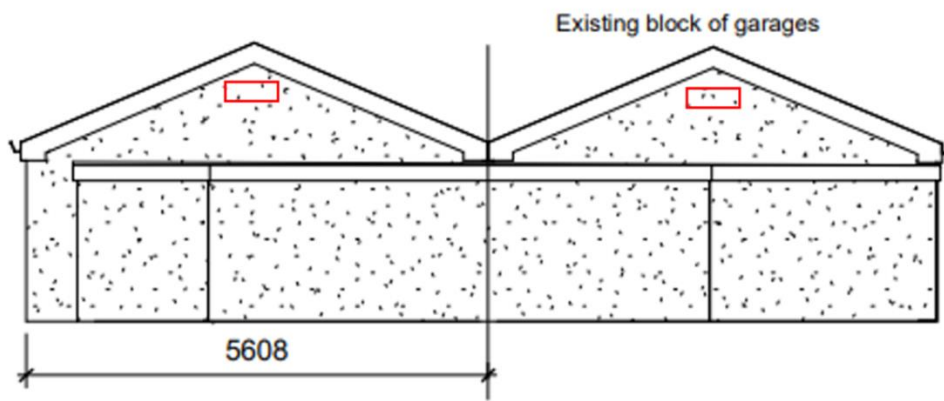
² Environment (Wales) Act 2016

3. There will also need to be enhancement in line with the Environment (Wales) Act 2016 and Welsh Government Circular 'Securing Biodiversity Enhancements' sent to Heads of planning in October 2019.

The following will be required:

x2 integrated bird boxes installed on the north eastern gables of the garages (see red polygons on elevations below):

<https://www.nhbs.com/vivara-pro-woodstone-house-sparrow-nest-box> (or equivalent, i.e., made of woodcrete and not wood)



Side 1 Elevation

The above measures (1-3) will be subject to a condition(s) of the planning permission if granted.