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Merthyr Tydfil County Borough Council
Unit 5 Triangle Business Park
Pentrebach
CF48 4TQ

Dyddiad/Date: 16 January 2024

Annwyl Syr/Madam/Dear Sir/Madam,

**BWRIAD/PROPOSAL: UP LIFTING OF TREES TO 5.2M ALONG A 35M MIX SPECIES
TREE LINE ADJACENT TO ACCESS TRACK**

**LLEOLIAD/LOCATION: WELSH WATER WASTE WATER TREATMENT WORKS
PONTARN PONTARN ROAD MERTHYR TYDFIL CF48 2TN**

Thank you for consulting Cyfoeth Naturiol Cymru (CNC) / Natural Resources Wales (NRW) about the above, which we received on 18 December 2023.

We have concerns with the application as submitted. However, we are satisfied that these concerns can be overcome by attaching the following condition to any planning permission granted:

- **Ornithology: Disturbance prevention**

Please note, without the inclusion of this condition, we would object to this planning application. Further details are provided below.

Ornithology

We note the proposed works involve pruning a line of trees/overgrown hedge within Cwm Taf Fechan SSSI. Although the impacts on the SSSI will be negligible, the trees/overgrown hedge are suitable for use by nesting birds, which are legally protected under the Wildlife and Countryside Act 1981.

We therefore recommend the following condition be attached to any planning permission granted:

Condition - Disturbance prevention

No works shall be carried out between 1st March and 31st August to protect nesting birds during the nesting season.

Justification: To avoid the potential for disturbance of nesting birds where this cannot be controlled through a licence or assent.

Advice to applicant

Storage of any fuel to run chainsaws and the woodchipper should be considered to ensure no contamination of the watercourse or groundwater via a spill. Any waste produced should not be allowed to reach any watercourse. Spill kits should be readily available in case of accidental spillages. For further guidance please refer to [Guidance for Pollution Prevention 5: Works and maintenance in or near water](#).

As the work is being completed at a WWTW, the contractor should ensure that there is no impact on its functionality. This includes the AG0011101 discharge permit for treated effluent which is located near the site.

Other Matters

Our comments above only relate specifically to matters included on our checklist, *Development Planning Advisory Service: Consultation Topics* (September 2018), which is published on our [website](#). We have not considered potential effects on other matters and do not rule out the potential for the proposed development to affect other interests.

We advise the applicant that, in addition to planning permission, it is their responsibility to ensure they secure all other permits/consents/licences relevant to their development. Please refer to our [website](#) for further details.

If you have any queries on the above, please do not hesitate to contact us.

Yn gywir / Yours faithfully,

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