

INTERNAL MEMORANDUM

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SUBJECT: P/26/0083 | Discharge of condition 8 (External Lighting) of planning permission P/24/0133 relating to an extension to the Travel Inn | Travel Inn Duffryn Road Pentrebach Merthyr Tydfil CF48 4BB.

Condition 8 (of P/24/0133)

Prior to the installation of any external lighting, a detailed lighting scheme shall be submitted to and approved in writing by the local planning authority to protect bat foraging/commuting areas. The details shall include:

- horizontal and vertical illuminance plans demonstrating dark corridors/routes to be maintained, together with dark routes for access to the bat boxes;*
- details of the siting and type of external lighting to be used together with the proposed colour temperatures;*
- Isolux drawings setting out the light spillage in key sensitive areas;*

The lighting scheme shall be carried out in accordance with the approved details.

DOCUMENTS SUBMITTED IN SUPPORT OF THE APPLICATION (new document revision highlighted in green)

1. Merthyr Tydfil Premier Inn Hotel. Exterior Lighting Report prepared by DIALux. Dated: 25/02/2026.
2. Merthyr Tydfil Premier Inn Hotel. Lighting Report (210-582-001) Revision B prepared by JENKS Assoc. Dated: 10/06/2026. Forwarded to the LPA ecologist attached to an e-mail dated 04/08/2026.
3. Merthyr Tydfil Premier Inn, Duffryn Road, Pentrebach, CF48 8BB. Proposed Elevations. Drawing no: 6153-PL 210 G. Prepared by Axiom Architects on behalf of Whitbread Group PLC. Dated G

COMMENTS (new comments in green)

The lighting must conform to the following guidance:

- A. Guidance Note GN08/23 Bats and Artificial Lighting At Night. Bat Conservation Trust and The Institute of Lighting Professionals 2023 - <https://www.theilp.org.uk/documents/guidance-note-8-bats-and-artificial-lighting/>
- B. Good Practice Guidance: Planning for the Conservation and Enhancement of Dark Skies in Wales. <https://www.gov.wales/sites/default/files/publications/2025-02/dark-skies-guidance.pdf>

Remaining issues (new or unresolved comments/issues in green):

- The proposed luminaires are not downlighters in the true sense as the designs are not downward facing. Please could these be changed – for example the following would be acceptable:
 - [Bat Friendly Bulkhead | Low CCT Architectural Fixture](#)

- [LED Bollard | Compliant with Dark Sky Standards | Kellwood](#)

The luminaires must have a colour temperature of 2700K or lower.

Document 2 proposes the two luminaire types requested above; one bulkhead style luminaire and one bollard style luminaire. The bulkhead luminaire is specified to use the 2700K option – this is acceptable. However, the bollard luminaire is specified within Document 2 to be used at 3000K and 4000K. The bollard luminaire is available with a 2700K colour temperature and this must be used – amendments to Document 2 are therefore required.

To remove any ambiguity – please can the reference to 3000K on pages 9 and 11 be removed?

These references have been removed; however, the Revision code and date of the document have not been changed. If these are not to be properly updated then care must be taken to ensure the correct document is approved and used.

- The positions of the luminaires must also be marked on architect drawings, plans and/or elevations.

Document 2 shows the luminaire positions on an overhead plan, but the positions are not shown on the elevations. Please can this be added? NB The positions of the luminaires must still also be marked on architect drawings, plans and/or elevations.

Has this been done?

Document 2 has been updated as requested and the architect elevation drawing (Document 3) shows the luminaires in question. Unfortunately Document 3 also refers to the luminaires and cites a 3000K colour temperature, which is inconsistent with the lighting plan. This must be amended.