

INTERNAL MEMORANDUM

To: Emma Watkins
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Memo number: 3

Date of previous memo: 05/06/2023

Date: 18/10/2023

SUBJECT: P/23/0079 | Change of use to from upholstery building to holiday accommodation to include new replacement windows and the installation of solar panels. | Standard Upholstery Pontmorlais West Merthyr Tydfil CF47 8UT

Report submitted in support of the above application:

1. Standard Upholstery, Pontmorlais, Merthyr Tydfil, CF47 8UT. A Preliminary Roost Assessment. Version 01. April 2023. Little Wing Ecology CYF.
2. Standard Upholstery, Pontmorlais, Merthyr Tydfil, CF47 8UT. A Bat Survey Report. Version 01. August 2023. Little Wing Ecology CYF.

COMMENTS

Document 2

- There is suitability for hibernation and so, using the precautionary principle, the works will be undertaken outside of the bat hibernation season to avoid impacts during a vulnerable time for bats. Please can the report be changed to reflect this?
- A lighting plan must be submitted prior to determination (for written approval by the LPA ecologist). The plan must conform to the up-to-date lighting guidance referred to below.

NB – on page 16, the reference to *Bats and Artificial Lighting in the UK: Technical Guidance Note 08/18' (2018)* is out of date. This guidance was updated earlier this year:

Bats and Artificial Lighting At Night. Guidance Note GN08/23 (<https://theilp.org.uk/publication/guidance-note-8-bats-and-artificial-lighting/>).

Please can the report be amended in line with the up-to-date guidance?

- All bat and bird features/provision as set out within Document 2 will be clearly marked on all relevant architect plans, drawings and elevations, which must be submitted prior to determination (for written approval by the LPA ecologist). The models of any bat or bird boxes will be included in the plans as well as a hyperlink to the product(s). The plans will also include references to the

acceptable materials to be used where applicable, for example, BS747 Type 1F bitumen roofing felt, slate-type roofing material, timber bargeboards.

- The following advisory notes will be added to the decision notice should planning be granted:

BATS

Warning: A European Protected Species (EPS) Licence is required for this development.

This planning permission does not provide consent to undertake works that require an EPS licence.

It is an offence to deliberately kill, injure, capture or disturb a bat or to recklessly damage or destroy their breeding sites or resting places. If found guilty of any offences, you could be sent to prison for up to 6 months and/or receive an unlimited fine. To undertake works within the law, you can obtain further information on the need for a licence from Natural Resources Wales on 0300 065 3000 or at <https://naturalresources.wales/permits-and-permissions/species-licensing/apply-for-a-protected-species-licence/bat-licences/?lang=en>

NESTING BIRDS

All birds, their nests and eggs are protected by law under the Wildlife and Countryside Act 1981 (as amended) while they are breeding.

If works to any trees, hedgerows and/or other nesting bird habitat (including buildings with suitable features) are to be undertaken, they will take place outside of the bird nesting season. If the works must be undertaken during the nesting season (generally from 1st March until 31st August, although birds are known to nest outside of these dates in suitable conditions), a breeding bird survey will be required and must be carried out by a suitably qualified ecologist. Any active nests identified will be protected until the young have fledged.

Where a Schedule 1 species (as defined in the Wildlife and Countryside Act - <https://www.legislation.gov.uk/ukpga/1981/69/schedule/1> is involved, compensation for impacts, e.g., loss of nesting sites, will be devised and implemented.