

INTERNAL MEMORANDUM

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SUBJECT: P/21/0388 | Proposed dwelling at 2 Carn Gwilym Goch, Cefn Coed, Merthyr Tydfil

Amended report and plan submitted in support of the application:

1. Ecological Assessment. Land at Carn Gwilym Goch, Merthyr Tydfil. Issue 1. VD. Dated 20/05/22. Supplied in an e-mail dated 25/05/22.
2. Site plan (799.002A) Proposed new dwelling at Land at Cefn Coed, Merthyr Tydfil. November 21. Supplied in an email dated 10/05/22.

Comments:

Slight worry that the version numbers and dates of, for example, the site plan (Document 2) are not being updated. This really needs to be done to avoid mistakes later on. All documents that have been changed or updated should have new version numbers and dates.

Document 1

Buffer zone

Page 35 – ‘Access to the buffer zone will be prevented with a fence.’

More detail is needed regarding the fence to separate off the buffer zone – size, materials etc. Is this proposed to be erected behind the high retaining wall? It also needs to be shown on Document 2.

Document 2

This document shows the bat and bird boxes on the correct elevations and mentions gaps for hedgehogs plus shows **(a)** areas to be kept dark and **(b)** the buffer zone.

(a)

The dark area highlighted in yellow needs to continue along the southwest and northeast boundaries and also along the buffer zone.

(b)

The depiction of the buffer zone (hedge and wild meadow) in Document 2, has not been changed to reflect the amended text within Document 1 (VD) ...

Document 1 Page 35 ‘A buffer area will be planted on the sites northern boundary between the site and the SINC. **The areas will be left free from the development ...**’

This, therefore, requires amendment.

LEMP

A Landscape and Ecological Management Plan (LEMP) required to include, for example, bat boxes, bird boxes, new planting etc. NB only native species will be used – resultant habitat must compensate for species lost and benefit, birds, bats, reptiles, invertebrates etc. Devil's bit scabious should be considered for inclusion to provide stepping-stone habitat for Marsh Fritillary butterfly. The Landscape Plan will therefore be produced in liaison with the ecologist.

This can be the subject of an appropriately worded planning condition. The LEMP must be produced prior to commencement of works. Written approval of the LEMP by the LPA ecologist will be required in order to discharge the condition.