

# INTERNAL MEMORANDUM

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**SUBJECT: P/22/0284 | Change of use of land for the keeping of horses including erection of stables (proposed) and grading of land to form level area for animal welfare (retrospective) | Land To The South West Of 152 Heolgerrig Heolgerrig Merthyr Tydfil**

Designated sites within 500m of the application site:

- Site of Special Scientific Interest (SSSI) – x1 Cwm Glo a Glyndyrys, c.58m from the centre of the site.
- Sites of Importance for Nature Conservation (SINC) – x2:
  - 1. Winchfawr West, c.20m from the centre of the site.  
**NB the southern tranche of land lies entirely within this SINC designation.**
  - 2. Cwm Glo, c.57m from the centre of the site.  
**NB the northern tranche of land is immediately adjacent to SINC 1 (along its north western boundary) and to SINC 2 (along its southern boundary)**
- NRW Priority Area (Heathland and Grassland) x1.  
**NB a proportion of the northern tranche (along the southern boundary) lies within the NRW Priority Area). This area also includes part of the Nant Cwm-glo.**
- Buglife B-Lines Area – x1, c.60m from the centre of the site.

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

- Birds (including Schedule 1<sup>1</sup> and Section 7<sup>2</sup> species);
- Fungi and Slime Moulds (including Section 7<sup>2</sup> species);
- Invertebrates (including Marsh Fritillary Butterfly, closest record, c.115m from the centre of the site plus other Section 7<sup>2</sup> species);
- Bats (closest record, for common pipistrelle, c.115m from the centre of the site);
- Harvest mouse;
- Reptiles;
- Amphibians (including great crested newt, closest record c.255m from the centre of the site);
- Vascular plants (including Section 7<sup>2</sup> species).

NB there is a likelihood of an objection to development for the southern tranche of land, as it lies entirely within the Winchfawr West SINC.

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<sup>1</sup> Wildlife & Countryside Act 1981 (as amended)

<sup>2</sup> Environment (Wales) Act 2016

A Preliminary Ecological Appraisal (PEA) of the site (undertaken by a suitably qualified and experienced ecologist) is required. This must provide sufficient information for the local planning authority to assess any potential adverse impacts of the proposed development on priority and protected species and/or habitats, or to identify what further information is required before a full assessment is possible.

The results of the PEA will be used to inform whether further surveys are required, or to establish the need for and extent of any mitigation and compensation measures required as part of the proposed development. This will then ultimately inform an EcIA report for submission in support of the application.

An Aderyn data search is required from SEWBRcC (Package C 2km).

There will need to be enhancement of the site in line with the Environment (Wales) Act 2016.