

INTERNAL MEMORANDUM

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SUBJECT: P/22/0018 | Detached dwelling with detached garage | Land Off Winchfawr Road (to The North Of Perthddu) Heolgerrig Merthyr Tydfil

Vacant land, grassed over with metal storage containers and a block-built garage. Nearby grassland, hedges, scrub, horse-grazed fields and woodland pockets

Designated sites within 500m of the application site:

- Sites of Importance for Nature Conservation (SINC): x2 (closest, Winchfawr West c.104m from site);
- Within a Buglife B-Lines Area.

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

- Birds (including Schedule 1¹ species);
- Invertebrates (including Section 7² species);
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- Bats (closest record for common pipistrelle, c.431m from site);
- Polecat;
- Amphibians (including great crested newt, closest record c.316m from site).

A Preliminary Ecological Appraisal (PEA) of the site to include a Preliminary Roost Assessment (PRA) for bats and nesting birds of the garage structure (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 and PRA 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.

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

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

¹ Wildlife & Countryside Act 1981 (as amended)

² Environment (Wales) Act 2016