

INTERNAL MEMORANDUM

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SUBJECT: P/19/0289 LAND OPPOSITE 22-26 CYPRESS CLOSE, GURNOS, MERTHYR TYDFIL

(Scheme: construction of 22 parking bays)

Site comprises an area of managed grassland.

Housing on adjacent estate will have features suitable for roosting bats.

Grassland, although highly managed and isolated may still have some low value for foraging bats and for reptiles.

There are designated sites within 500m of the site (SINC and ASNW).

No ecological surveys required, however, ground reinforcement grass grid surfacing should be for car parking area.

There should be no extra lighting. If lighting is proposed then it would need to conform to current lighting guidelines in terms of bats – see below:

2018) Guidance Note 08/18. Bats and artificial lighting in the UK: Bats and the Built Environment series. Bat Conservation Trust and Institute of Lighting Professionals:
<https://cdn.bats.org.uk/pdf/Resources/ilp-guidance-note-8-bats-and-artificial-lighting-compressed.pdf?mtime=20181113114229>

Enhancement of the site (in line with Environment (Wales) Act 2016) should include some or all of the following:

- some tree planting
- addition of a hedge
- introduction of perennial wildflower seed mix for the grassland.