

INTERNAL MEMORANDUM

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**SUBJECT: P/21/0168 | OUTLINE PLANNING FOR ERECTION OF DWELLING | LAND
OPPOSITE BRYNTEG STABLE YARD DOWLAIS MERTHYR TYDFIL**

The site appears to be part of an existing garden. There is an onsite structure plus habitat features that would be negatively impacted by the proposed development. Nearby habitat includes: garden habitat, trees, scrub, woodland, grassland.

Designated sites within 1km of the application site:

- Within a Buglife B-Lines area

Priority and protected species within 1km of the application site:

- Birds (including Schedule 1¹ species);
- Fungi (including Section 7² species);
- Invertebrates (including Section 7² species);
- Bats (closest roost record for unidentified bat species, 845m from site; Possible record for brown long-eared bat roost, 1055m from site);
- Hedgehog;
- Amphibians (including great crested newt, closest record 1404m from site);
- Vascular plants (including Section 7 species²).

A Preliminary Ecological Appraisal (PEA) of the site (undertaken by a suitably qualified and experienced ecologist) is required (including a Preliminary Roost Assessment (PRA) for bats and besting birds of any onsite structures or trees impacted). 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 SEWBRcC (Package B 1km).

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