

INTERNAL MEMORANDUM

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SUBJECT: P/23/0126 | Construction of new single storey detached class room building | Dowlais Primary School Market Street Dowlais Merthyr Tydfil CF48 3HW

Relevant documents submitted in support of the above application (new versions highlighted with bold text):

1. Ty Dysgu, Market Street. Dowlais, Methyr Tydfil, CF48 3HW. Preliminary Ecological Appraisal. Document Ref: WWE22195 PEA REV_B FINAL | 10/03/2023 | Wildwood Ecology Ltd
2. Ty Dysgu Primary School, Market Street, CF48 2 AJ. Drainage Strategy Report (DSR) For: New Build Classrooms. Ref: 16991 – DSR Ro6 Iss6 | Vale Consultancy
3. Landscape Management Plan. Ty Dysgu School, Merthyr. Report Number. LB398/R01a. **Revision A - dated 11.10.23.** Laird Bailey Landscape Architects.
 - a. Soft Landscape Proposals (Sheet 1 of 2). Drawing Number: LB398_D01a. **Revision a - dated 10.05.22**
 - b. Soft Landscape Proposals (Sheet 2 of 2). Drawing Number: LB398_D01a. **Revision a - dated 10.05.22**
4. Ty Dysgu School Merthyr. Elevations drawing. Reference 2221-04F

COMMENTS

- a) All planting within Documents 3. 3a and 3b has been amended to UK native (or naturalised) species and are now acceptable.

These new versions will be referred to in the Drainage Strategy Report (Document 2 above) and will be included on the decision notice in the list of approved document (normally planning condition #2).

- b) The bat and bird box as marked on Document 4 above are acceptable, however, the text must make it clear the boxes are to be integrated into the fabric of the building and not surface-mounted. This is required prior to determination.
- c) The requirement for an internal and external lighting plan can be conditioned if appropriately worded. All onsite lighting ('external *and* internal') must comply with the following guidance:

Guidance Note 08/23. Bats and Artificial Lighting at Night. Bat Conservation Trust and Institute of Lighting Professionals. 2023.

<https://theilp.org.uk/publication/guidance-note-8-bats-and-artificial-lighting/>

The lighting plan must also demonstrate:

- no direct illumination of the bat boxes;
 - dark routes away from the bat boxes to link up with surrounding commuting and foraging habitat; and
 - Dark site boundaries.
- d) If there are to be any new boundary features, gaps (13cm x 13cm) will be included at ground level to allow free passage of hedgehogs through the site. This can be conditioned.