

INTERNAL MEMORANDUM

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SUBJECT: P/22/0282 | Two storey rear extension | 3 Pandy Cottages Trelewis Treharris CF46 6BU

Document submitted in support of the above application:

1. 3 Pandy Cottages, Trelweis[sic], Merthyr Tydfil. Potential Roost Assessment and Bat Presence Absence Survey 2023 and Enhancements. Revision 1.0, Date issued ?

COMMENTS

Summary page incorrectly refers to 'Bethania Chapel in Aberfan' – please could this be amended?

The reference on page 4 to PPW is out of date (latest edition (11) is dated February 2021) – please amend.

A Bats and Roof Nesting Birds data search was requested by the LPA ecologist. The data search can be forgone in this instance, however, generally it is for the Local Authority to decide whether a data search is required. Therefore, to avoid similar situations in the future, it would be useful if agreement (where a data search is not considered necessary by the applicant's ecologist) is sought with the LPA prior to submission of the report - especially if those instances where data has been specifically requested from the outset.

No mention in the report of the suitability of the building for hibernation. This needs to be added. NB where hibernation cannot be ruled out, using the precautionary principle, works will be undertaken outside of the hibernation season and hibernation provision added in the form of a bat box in order to compensate for any lost opportunities.

Due to the snapshot nature of bat survey work, bat roosts cannot be shown to be definitely absent, but only 'likely' to be absent. Therefore, again, using the precautionary principle, the removal or stripping of areas of the structure that are sensitive areas for bats will be undertaken under a simple method statement with direct supervision of a suitably qualified or experienced bat ecologist. A brief method statement will therefore be added to Document 1.

Enhancements: bat and bird boxes will be integrated into the new extension rather than surface mounted. Hyperlinks to appropriate models will be included and the boxes will be marked on all relevant plans and elevations.

NB taking into account the comments regarding hibernation perhaps a bat box with suitability for summer *and* winter use would be appropriate in this instance, for example:

[1WI Schwegler Summer and Winter Bat Box | NHBS Practical Conservation Equipment](#)
(or equivalent)

Wildlife boxes will not be directly illuminated and must have dark corridors from the boxes to the habitat along the Nant Caeach in the west.

Any proposed external lighting, must comply with the following guidelines:

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

Details must be provided.

NB Document 1 will require amendment taking into account the information above, for agreement prior to determination.