

INTERNAL MEMORANDUM

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SUBJECT: PA/19/0069 2 PLYMOUTH HOUSE, MILBOURNE TERRACE, MERTHYR TYDFIL, CF47 OUL

- There are bat records close to the site, the nearest being a roost record for 12 Milbourne Terrace - approximately 50m to the north. The onsite trees provide foraging and commuting opportunities for bats and links to further suitable habitat to the south and east of the site. In addition, c. 150m to the west is the wooded river corridor of the Afon Taf (a Site of Importance for Nature Conservation). This represents further valuable foraging and commuting habitat.
- The onsite vegetation is also suitable for nesting birds.
- There is a TPO for the site relating to 4x mature beech trees. Two of these trees have now been felled (reference P/18/0168) leaving two remaining beech trees covered by the TPO.
- In addition there is a record for Japanese knotweed in the rear gardens of Brodawel (adjacent to the site).

As it appears that the majority of the current onsite habitat is to be removed, a **Preliminary Ecological Appraisal (PEA)** undertaken by a suitably qualified ecologist is required. This will aim to provide sufficient information to fully assess the potential ecological impacts of the proposed development, and to identify whether further surveys are required, or to establish the need for, and extent of, any mitigation or compensation measures needed as part of the proposed development.

NB the PEA should include a **Preliminary Roost Assessment (PRA)** of Plymouth House, as any bat roosts that may be present in the main house could be impacted by the adjacent proposed development.