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Merthyr Tydfil County Borough Council
Unit 5 Triangle Business Park
Pentrebach
CF48 4TQ

Dyddiad/Date: 27 February 2025

Annwyl Syr/Madam/Dear Sir/Madam,

BWRIAD/PROPOSAL: CONSTRUCTION OF A NEW TEACHING BLOCK COMPRISING MEITHRIN, NURSERY AND COMMUNITY ROOM, AN EXTERNAL COVERED WALKWAY LINKING THE NEW BLOCK TO THE EXISTING SCHOOL AND ASSOCIATED WORKS

LLEOLIAD/LOCATION: YSGOL RHYD Y GRUG PRIMARY SCHOOL, ABERFAN CRESCENT, ABERFAN, MERTHYR TYDFIL, CF48 4NT

Thank you for consulting Cyfoeth Naturiol Cymru (CNC)/Natural Resources Wales (NRW) about the above, which we received on 26 February 2025.

We have no objection to the proposed development as submitted and provide the following advice.

European Protected Species

The Bat Survey and Assessment by Alder Ecology UK Ltd. (25th September 2024) considers the building is a day roost for soprano pipistrelles, but the proposed works will not impact the confirmed roost.

From the information provided, it appears the proposals constitute a lower risk case in relation to bats, as identified in section 2.1 'Identifying lower risk cases' of the document 'NRW Approach to Bats and Planning - Good Practice Guide October 2015', available at: [GPG 3 NRW Approach to Bats and Planning](#). Therefore, we do not intend to offer bespoke advice on this application in relation to bats and refer you to your in-house ecologist.

Other Matters

Our comments above only relate specifically to matters included on our checklist, *Development Planning Advisory Service: Consultation Topics* (September 2018), which is published on our [website](#). We have not considered potential effects on other matters and do not rule out the potential for the proposed development to affect other interests.

We advise the applicant that, in addition to planning permission, it is their responsibility to ensure they secure all other permits/consents/licences relevant to their development. Please refer to our [website](#) for further details.

Advice for the Developer

Due to the proximity of the site to the River Taff, all works at the site must be carried out in accordance with Guidance for Pollution Prevention (GPP) 5: Works and maintenance in or near water, and GPP 6: Working on construction and demolition sites, which are available on the [NetRegs website](#).

During the construction phase you should take any precaution to prevent contamination of surface water drains and local watercourses. Oils and chemicals should be stored in bunded areas and spill kits should be readily available in case of accidental spillages.

If you have any queries on the above, please do not hesitate to contact us.

Yn gywir / Yours faithfully,

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Croesewir gohebiaeth yn Gymraeg a byddwn yn ymateb yn Gymraeg, heb i hynny arwain at oedi./Correspondence in Welsh is welcomed, and we will respond in Welsh without it leading to a delay.