

# INTERNAL MEMORANDUM

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**SUBJECT: P/26/0086 | Discharge of condition 10 (Woodland Management Plan) of planning permission P/19/0073 for Provision of 36 camping pods and 5 chalets, erection of shower/toilet block and creation of play and picnic area. Construction of new parking area (150 spaces) with overflow carpark (46 spaces), together with a trail maintenance yard, new highway access routes, ground profile works, drainage,, infrastructure and landscape works | Gethin Woodland Centre A470 Pentrebach To Rhydycar Northbound Abercanaid Merthyr Tydfil CF48 1YZ**

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## DOCUMENTS SUBMITTED IN SUPPORT OF THE ABOVE APPLICATION

1. Bike Park Wales, Merthyr Tydfil. Woodland Management Plan *prepared by Wildwood Ecology Ltd on behalf of Bike Park Wales*. Document Ref: WWE20037 WMP Rev A. Dated 30/06/2022.
2. Bike Park Wales, Abercanaid. BPW Landscape Masterplan *prepared by Peter Quinn Associates (Landscape Architecture) on behalf of Bike Park Wales*. Drawing Number: 18/461/01 P. Rev P. Dated 14<sup>th</sup> April 2026.

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## COMMENTS

Document 1: this document is c.4 years old. The Introduction states that it should be read in conjunction with all other reports and survey information available, with a list of documents supplied. Are any of these stated documents out of date?

The timetable of the 25-year management plan starts in 2020 – is this still appropriate?

A full and detailed update to the document is necessary

In 2024, after Document 1 was written, the following DRAFT document was submitted to MTCBC:

*Bike Park Wales Future Forest Vision (Management Plan), produced by Bike Park Wales in collaboration with NRW.*

Later in 2026, there was a public consultation on the:

*Gethin, Allen's Estate & Merthyr Vale Forest Resource Plan*

The consultation closed on 17 April 2026.

The update to the Woodland Management Plan should set the management of the site within the context of the 2024 Future Forest Vision and the proposed 2026 Forest Resource Plan.

NRW should also be consulted regarding the application and the submitted management plan (Document 1).