

INTERNAL MEMORANDUM

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SUBJECT: P/24/0197 | Change of use to extend residential curtilage, retention of shed and re-profiling of ground levels with associated retaining works, fencing and landscaping | Woodland View Pantyffyn Road Mountain Hare Merthyr Tydfil CF47 0HU

ECOLOGICAL DOCUMENT SUBMITTED IN SUPPORT OF THIS APPLICATION

1. Woodland View, Pantyffyn Road, Mountain Hare, Merthyr Tydfil, CF47 0HU. Green Infrastructure Statement & Biodiversity Enhancement Plan prepared by Little Wing Ecology on behalf of Lyn Morgan. Report Reference: LT233-GIS-24. Version 2 (Published) Date: 20/12/2024.

COMMENTS

Document 1 is acceptable with the following amendments:

- Page 6, 4.2.3 refers to an integrated Beaumaris Bat box, however the hyperlink provided leads to a surface-mounted model. Is this an error? Can this be rectified please? NB the words “or equivalent” can be added in case of difficulties with supply.
- Page 6, 4.2.4 refers to an integrated Bilbao Nest box, however the hyperlink provided Does not provide any details? Can this be rectified please? NB the words “or equivalent” can be added in case of difficulties with supply.
- Each element of the new planting (x3 hazel, x3 mountain ash, x3 downy birch, species rich lawn mix, under canopy seed mix) has an associated footnote containing a hyperlink. Some of the hyperlinks lead to webpages that includes details regarding establishment and management/maintenance. Please can amendments be made so that *all* hyperlinks lead to a page where there are instructions for both establishment and ongoing management/maintenance?
- Can a line then be added to the document to stipulate that these instructions will be followed and the habitats managed and maintained for the long-term (i.e., at least 25years).
- Finally, some of the hyperlinks for the proposed tree specimens do not show options for trees of a standard size, which is required. In general (although it depends on the species), standard trees have a girth of 8-10cm and are 2-3.5 m tall. Can this be amended?

Likely planning conditions required:

LIGHTING SCHEME

No development shall take place (including ground works, vegetation clearance) until an internal and external Lighting Scheme has been submitted to and approved in writing by the local planning authority. The lighting plan must demonstrate dark zones at the boundaries and across the site. Wildlife boxes must not be illuminated (bat, bird) and there must be dark routes to allow barrier-free access to the boxes. The Lighting Scheme must conform to the latest guidance for wildlife-friendly lighting. Guidance Note GN08/23 Bats and Artificial Lighting At Night. Bat Conservation Trust and The Institute of Lighting Professionals 2023 - <https://theilp.org.uk/publication/guidance-note-8-bats-and-artificial-lighting/>

NB although this document is aimed at bats, the principles are the similar for other nocturnal and crepuscular species.

COMPLIANCE

Evidence that ecological measures have been installed, created, implemented etc will be required on completion of the development. This evidence must be submitted to and approved in writing by the local planning authority