

INTERNAL MEMORANDUM

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SUBJECT: P/22/0173 | Demolition of existing metal sheet classroom and erection of new classroom | Caedraw Primary School Caedraw Road Merthyr Tydfil CF47 8HA

School building close to tree and grassland habitat plus a wooded river corridor that provides links to valuable habitat to the north and the south.

Designated sites within 500m of the application site:

- Sites of Importance for Nature Conservation (SINC) – x1 (Afon Taf, c.129m from site)
- Buglife B-Lines Area – c.499m from site

Priority and protected species within 500m of the application site:

- Birds (including Schedule 1¹ and Section 7² species);
- Invertebrates (including Section 7² species);
- Bats (closest roost record for unidentified species, c.153m from site);
- Otter;
- Hedgehog;
- Amphibians (including great crested newt, closest record c.804m from site)

A Preliminary Roost Assessment (PRA) for bats and nesting birds of the building in those areas that will be impacted by the erection of the new classroom (undertaken by a suitably qualified and experienced ecologist) is required. This must provide sufficient information for the local planning authority to assess any potential adverse impacts of the proposed development on priority and protected species and/or habitats, or to identify what further information is required before a full assessment is possible.

The results of the PRA will be used to inform whether further surveys are required, or to establish the need for and extent of any mitigation and compensation measures required as part of the proposed development.

An Aderyn data search will not be required from SEWBRc in this instance.

There will need to be enhancement of the site in line with the Environment (Wales) Act 2016.

¹ Wildlife & Countryside Act 1981 (as amended)

² Environment (Wales) Act 2016