

INTERNAL MEMORANDUM

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SUBJECT: P/23/0083 | Erection of rural enterprise dwelling | Pendducae Fawr Farm Treharris CF46 6UE

Dilapidated stone farmhouse set within an agricultural landscape. Nearby agricultural fields, hedges, trees, grassland, and woodland blocks.

Designated sites within 500m of the application site:

- Sites of Importance for Nature Conservation (SINC) – x4 (closest, Cwm barged, c.43m from site);
- Ancient Semi Natural Woodland (ASNW) – x2;
- Plantation on Ancient Woodland Site (PAWS) – x1;
- NRW Priority Area (Woodland – PAWS) – x1.

Priority and protected species within 500m (or *closest*) of the application site:

- Birds (including Schedule 1¹ and Section 7² species);
- Invertebrates (including Section 7² species);
- *Bats (closest roost record for unidentified bat species, c.1092m from site);*
- Brown hare;
- Hedgehog;
- Reptiles;
- Amphibians;
- Vascular plants.

A Preliminary Roost Assessment (PRA) for bats and nesting birds of the site (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.

A BARB+ data search will be required from SEWBRcC.

¹ Wildlife & Countryside Act 1981 (as amended)

² Environment (Wales) Act 2016

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