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Hi Caroline

Thanks for all your help with this.

See attached for my comments.

Kind regards

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INTERNAL MEMORANDUM

To: Caroline Pulley
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Memo number: 1
Date: 11th June 2020

SUBJECT: P/20/0109 | Land at Pant Industrial Estate Pant Merthyr Tydfil

(Erection of industrial units (Use Classes B1, B2, B8) and associated works).

Onsite habitat - historic imagery seems to show some hard standing in the centre of the site (position of former onsite building?) with a previous general build-up of scrub habitat. In the most recent image (dated 13/04/2019) it appears that the scrub has partially been cleared. There is also grassland habitat and areas of bare ground. The site appears isolated by roads, but whilst not *directly* linked to the wider environment, there are multiple examples of 'stepping-stone' habitat surrounding the site that provide indirect connections with habitat surrounding the industrial estate.

Nearby habitat suitable for protected species – As mentioned, there is 'stepping-stone' habitat (trees; treelines; grassland etc) around the site that provides indirect links to the wider environment (e.g., woodland; scrub; grassland; heathland; ponds and reservoirs).

Within 500m of the site there is one designated site:

- Bryniau SINC (180m to the north west)

Within 500m of the site there are the following records for priority and protected species:

- Bats (including brown long-eared bat; lesser horseshoe bat; *Myotis* sp; Natterer's bat; noctule; unidentified *Pipistrellus* sp. There were roosts for brown long-eared bat and Natterer's bat. Closest possible roost to site was for brown long-eared bat ~152m from site. NB this was incorrectly stated to be for soprano pipistrelle in the pre-app response).
- Birds (including ground-nesting species, e.g., lapwing and Schedule 1 species, e.g., red kite);
- Invertebrates (including Section 7 species under the Environment (Wales) Act 2016);
- Hedgehog;
- Amphibians (including great crested newt);
- Vascular plants.

The removal of the onsite habitats will cause a possible adverse impact on protected species, e.g., nesting birds, foraging and commuting bats, reptiles, invertebrates.

A Preliminary Ecological Appraisal (PEA) of the site (undertaken by a suitably qualified ecologist) is required to provide sufficient information for the local planning authority to fully 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 can be made.

The results of the PEA 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. Enhancement measures will also be required in accordance with the Environment (Wales) Act 2016.

An Aderyn data search is required from SEWBReC (Package C 2km).

NB this information is required prior to determination of planning.