

INTERNAL MEMORANDUM

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Date: 29/06/2023

SUBJECT: P/23/0062 | Erection of two wood cabins with interconnecting canopy to serve as sheltered education and wellbeing spaces for the local community | Land To The Rear Of 18- 22 Bryngoleu Aberfan Merthyr Tydfil

Requirements from Memo #1 set out in box below.

The submission of the following document, compiled in 2020 is noted:

- Bryngoleu. Ecological Management Plan 2020-2022. Wildlife Trust of South and West Wales.

However, an up-to-date Preliminary Ecological Appraisal (PEA) 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 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.

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

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

Full details of the nature of the development (including for example, the proposal for lighting) plus the proposed onsite activities and management practices should be provided to the ecologists commissioned to undertake the survey work.

Document submitted in support of the application:

1. Land to the rear of 18-22 Bryngoleu, Aberfan, Merthyr Tydfil. Ecological Assessment, Issue 1VA, dated 23/06/23. BE Ecological Ltd.

COMMENTS

2. The wildflower area must be defined and marked on all relevant plans for the proposed development. This information must then be included within Document 1 and also added into the EMP (this should include the management prescriptions for the wildflower area).
3. The bat box must be of an integrated design – Document 1 will be amended regarding this.
4. There will need to be a minor update to the Ecological Management Plan (EMP) following this latest survey work and enhancement recommendations.

5. The ecologist will need also to comment (within Document 1) on the onsite activities proposed within both the EMP and the Planning Statement. The purpose is to assess any ecological impacts, for example:

- **Butterfly garden** – what plant species are proposed to be used? Are they all native for example?
- **Clearance work** – this has been mentioned within the planning statement. Clearance of vegetation needs to have proper consideration for any protected habitats and species.
- **Bulb planting** – what species were or are proposed to be planted? Only native species will be acceptable.
- **Path improvements** – did this involve removal of habitat?

NB these are all minor issues that can be easily addressed.