

INTERNAL MEMORANDUM

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PLANNING APPLICATION DETAILS

P/26/010

Changes to external appearance of Shepherds huts (no change to footprint) increase number of shepherd's huts and reduce number of pods (no total increase in number of units or footprint) removed 3 camping pods and replaced with hard standing for camper vans, changes to pathways around shepherds huts to allow access from the broadside, and changes to the internal layout of the shower block and drainage routes in hut/pod area (Non Material Amendment).

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DOCUMENTS SUBMITTED IN SUPPORT OF THE ABOVE APPLICATION

1. Bike Park Wales, Gethin Woodland Centre, Abercanaid, Merthyr Tydfil, CF48 1YZ. Report Reference: WWE25107 Bike Park Wales, Main Lodge Area, Preliminary Ecological Appraisal prepared by Wildwood Ecology Ltd. Dated: 14/04/2026.

COMMENTS

General:

- Should all the reports referenced within Document 1 also be submitted in support of this NMA application?

Document 1:

- There must be an update to the biodiversity records search. The report relies upon data from 2022 and therefore important and relevant records since that time may not have been considered. As an example, since 2022, x5 records for common dormouse have been added to the biodiversity data for Merthyr Tydfil.
- The report must therefore be written in the context of up-to-date biodiversity data.
- In addition, since 2021 there have been updates to national planning policy and survey guidelines so the report must also take note of this. For instance, PPW 12 was published in 2024 and, continuing the common dormouse example, the dormouse mitigation handbook was published in 2025.