

INTERNAL MEMORANDUM

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SUBJECT: P/25/0285 | The erection of Passivhaus modular residential units, laundry, bin store, landscaping, parking and associated works | Car Park Hornbeam Close Gurnos Merthyr Tydfil CF47 9BW.

SITE DESCRIPTION

Area of hard standing with surrounding grassland and trees – some links to the wider environment via nearby ‘stepping stone’ habitats – for example scattered trees, small woodland pockets, grassland.

DOCUMENTS SUBMITTED IN SUPPORT OF THE ABOVE APPLICATION

1. Hornbeam Close, Merthyr Tydfil. Green Infrastructure Statement. Report Number: LB594/R01. DRAFT. *Prepared by* Laird Baily Landscape Architects. Dated: 15/08/2025.
2. Hornbeam Close, Merthyr Tydfil. Detailed Soft Landscape Proposals. Drawing Number: LB594/D01. DRAFT. *Prepared by* Laird Baily Landscape Architects. Dated: 12/08/2025.
3. Hornbeam Close, Merthyr Tydfil. Arboricultural Report. Project Reference – ArbTS_2092.4_Hornbeam Close. *Prepared by* ArbTS - Arboricultural Technician Services Ltd. Dated: 15/08/2025.

COMMENTS – Documents 1 and 2

- All species must be locally native species of local (if not Welsh or UK) provenance. Documents 1 and 2 must therefore be amended in line with this requirement.
- All hedgerows must be species-rich, including at least x5 native woody species.
- The management plan for the onsite vegetation must be long-term (at least 30 years or for the lifetime of the development) and must include all elements (existing and new) – see below:

LANDSCAPE/HABITAT, ESTABLISHMENT, MANAGEMENT, MAINTENANCE + MONITORING SCHEME

- A detailed long-term (at least 30 years or for the lifetime of the development) Landscaping, Habitat, Management, Maintenance + Monitoring Scheme must be submitted to and approved in writing by the local planning authority. The scheme must include, but not be limited to, the following:
 - Details (including a plan/drawing) of retained and new onsite landscaping/habitat/green infrastructure.
 - A planting plan - NB all species will be native and of local (if not Welsh) provenance.
 - The immediate and long-term detailed establishment, maintenance and management measures for all [retained and new] onsite landscaping/habitat/green infrastructure.
 - Timing, phasing and duration of construction activities and conservation measures.
 - Monitoring post-development for all onsite landscaping/habitat/green infrastructure.
 - Details of the funding mechanisms to meet the maintenance, management and monitoring objectives. NB the funding mechanism must anticipate and take account of costs rising over time.

- Details of the responsible person(s) / management company.
- How a net benefit for biodiversity will be achieved within as short a time as possible and be locally responsive and relevant to local circumstances.
- Details of review periods and reporting of long-term landscaping/habitat/green infrastructure management objectives.

COMMENTS – Document 3

This document is acceptable and the protection measures for the retained onsite trees will be followed as set out.

COMMENTS – General

LIGHTING SCHEME

An internal and external Lighting Scheme must be submitted to and approved in writing by the local planning authority. This will *include*, but not be limited to:

- Details of colour temperature and model of lighting used.
- Details of lighting to be used both during construction and operation. The lighting shall be installed and retained as approved during construction and operation

The Lighting Scheme must conform to the latest guidance (see below) and any updates to these documents or further guidance regarding lighting that may be published subsequently.

- Guidance Note GN08/23 Bats and Artificial Lighting At Night. Bat Conservation Trust and The Institute of Lighting Professionals 2023 - <https://theilp.org.uk/publication/guidance-note-8-bats-and-artificial-lighting/>
- Good Practice Guidance: Planning for the Conservation and Enhancement of Dark Skies in Wales. <https://www.gov.wales/sites/default/files/publications/2025-02/dark-skies-guidance.pdf>