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Merthyr Tydfil County Borough Council
Unit 5 Triangle Business Park
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Dyddiad/Date: 17 December 2025

Annwyl Syr/Madam/Dear Sir/Madam,

BWRIAD/PROPOSAL: APPLICATION FOR LISTED BUILDING CONSENT:

WORKS TO THE ROOF TO INCLUDE NEW WALKWAYS, FIXED LADDER ACCESS, NEW INSULATION AND ASSOCIATED PARAPET AND CLERESTORY WINDOWS. INSTALLATION OF NEW GUTTERS AND REPLACEMENT OF RAINWATER GOODS. WORKS TO EXTERNAL ELEVATION TO INCLUDE REPLACEMENT WINDOWS, NEW DOORS AND REPAIR OR REPLACEMENT OF LINTELS. INTERNAL WORKS TO INCLUDE THE INSTALLATION OF NEW STEEL BEAMS, REPAIRS TO TIMBER REINFORCEMENTS, NEW LOFT ACCESS HATCH AND BAT BOXES.

LLEOLIAD/LOCATION: CYFARTHFA CASTLE, CYFARTHFA PARK, MERTHYR TYDFIL CF47 8RE

Thank you for consulting Cyfoeth Naturiol Cymru (CNC)/Natural Resources Wales (NRW) about the above, which we received on 15 December 2025.

We have concerns with the application as submitted because inadequate information has been provided in support of the proposal. To overcome these concerns, you should seek further information from the applicant regarding European Protected Species (EPS). If this information is not provided, we would object to this application. Further details are provided below.

European Protected Species (EPS)

We have concerns about the above proposal and advise that further information is submitted in support of the application to assess the impacts of the proposal on bats, as European Protected Species. Bats and their breeding and resting places are protected under the Conservation of Habitats and Species Regulations 2017 (as amended).

Records exist of a greater horseshoe, lesser horseshoe and serotine bat roost at this site. However, no information with respect to bats has been submitted in support of the

application. As such we consider that there is currently insufficient information to assess the potential impacts of the proposal on these species.

We therefore advise that further information is sought from the applicant prior to determination of the application, to assess the extent of impacts arising from the proposal on any bats and detail any avoidance, mitigation or compensatory measures which may be required. We advise the scope of any further information is agreed with your internal ecological advisor.

This could include:

- an up-to-date bat survey undertaken in accordance with published best practice
- an assessment of the impacts and measures to conserve bats appropriate to the species present and their use of the roost site.

Based on the application, as submitted, we are unable to provide your Authority with any assurance that the proposal would not be likely to be detrimental to the maintenance of the population of the species concerned at a favourable conservation status in its natural range.

Other Matters

The advice in this letter relates to matters which are included on our [consultation topics list](#). We do not rule out the potential for the proposed development to affect other environmental interests that are not included on this list.

We advise the applicant that, in addition to planning permission, it is their responsibility to ensure they secure all other permits/consents/licences relevant to their development. Please refer to our [website](#) for further details.

If you have any queries about the above, please do not hesitate to contact us.

Yn gywir / Yours faithfully,

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Croesewir gohebiaeth yn Gymraeg a byddwn yn ymateb yn Gymraeg, heb i hynny arwain at oedi./Correspondence in Welsh is welcomed, and we will respond in Welsh without it leading to a delay.