

# INTERNAL MEMORANDUM

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**SUBJECT: P/23/0148 | Change of use of garage to create a one bedroom annex with external balcony | 56 Pantygerdynen Swansea Road Merthyr Tydfil CF48 1HR**

Residential garage building close to valuable habitat (gardens, hedges, scattered trees, grassland, scrub, woodland pockets, lake habitat) with strong green links to the wider environment.

Designated sites within 500m of the application site:

- Sites of Importance for Nature Conservation (SINC) – x4 (closest, Winchfawr East & Clwydyfagwr, c.104m from site);
- Within a Buglife B-Lines Area

Priority and protected species within 500m of the application site:

- Birds (including Schedule 1<sup>1</sup> and Section 7<sup>2</sup> species);
- Invertebrates (including Section 7<sup>2</sup> species);
- Bats (closest record for common pipistrelle, c.418m from site);
- Otter;
- Hedgehog;
- Vascular plants

A Preliminary Roost Assessment (PRA) of the site (undertaken by a suitably qualified and experienced ecologist) is required.

This survey work must provide sufficient information for the local planning authority to assess any potential adverse impacts of the proposed works 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 PRA will be used to inform whether further surveys are required, or to establish the need for and extent of any mitigation and compensation and enhancement measures required as part of the proposed development.

An Aderyn data search is not required from SEWBRcC.

<sup>1</sup> Wildlife & Countryside Act 1981 (as amended)

<sup>2</sup> Environment (Wales) Act 2016