

INTERNAL MEMORANDUM

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SUBJECT: P/23/0054 | Replace existing roof with new slates | Hope Chapel High Street Merthyr Tydfil CF47 8UG

Church building close to parkland habitat.

Designated sites within 500m of the application site:

- Sites of Importance for Nature Conservation (SINC) – x1 (Afon Taf, c.310m from the centre of the site);
- Within a Buglife B-Lines Area

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

- Birds (including Schedule 1¹ and Section 7² species);
- Invertebrates (including Section 7² species);
- Bats (closest roost records for brown long-eared bat and common pipistrelle, c.139m from site);
- Otter;
- Hedgehog;
- Amphibians (including great crested newt, closest record c.495m from site)

A Roost Assessment (PRA) for bats and nesting birds 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 PRA 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.

A BARB+ data search required from SEWBReC.

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

¹ Wildlife & Countryside Act 1981 (as amended)