

INTERNAL MEMORANDUM

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From	Matt Davies
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Application:	P/26/0146 Install battery energy storage systems (BESS) and associated external plant equipment within the existing plant compound, to include the erection of replacement enclosures and associated works. Welsh Assembly Government Rhydycar Business Park Merthyr Tydfil CF48 1UZ

REQUIREMENTS AND COMMENTS

Survey work?	NO	No ecological survey work required
Enhancement	YES	There will need to be enhancement of the site in line with the Environment (Wales) Act 2016 and Welsh Government Circular 'Securing Biodiversity Enhancements' sent to Heads of planning in October 2019.
Planning Policy Wales 12 (Chapter 6)	YES	The main elements of the policy (that are or may be relevant to this application) are as follows: ○ <i>GREEN INFRASTRUCTURE: stronger emphasis on taking a proactive approach to green infrastructure, the submission of a proportionate green infrastructure statement [GIS] with planning applications and signposting Building with Nature standards.</i> ○ <i>NET BENEFIT FOR BIODIVERSITY AND THE STEP-WISE APPROACH: further clarity is provided on securing net benefit for biodiversity through the application of the step-wise approach, including the acknowledgement of off-site compensation measures as a last resort, and, the need to consider enhancement and long-term management at each step. The use of the green infrastructure statement as a means of demonstrating the stepwise approach is made explicit. A simplified diagram of the policy approach has been developed (included within PPW12). The importance of strategic collaboration to identify and capture larger scale opportunities for securing a net benefit for biodiversity is recognised.</i> For further information, see here - Planning Policy Wales - Edition 12 (gov.wales)