

INTERNAL MEMORANDUM

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SUBJECT: P/21/0225 | PROPOSED EXTENSION TO ALDI STORES, DEMOLITION OF THE EXISTING CAR SALES BUILDING, BOUNDARY WALL, AND FORECOURT TO FACILITATE EXTENSION, RE-CONFIGURATION OF THE EXISTING CAR PARK AND OTHER EXTERNAL WORKS | ALDI FOODSTORE LTD AND SIMON JONES CARS PLYMOUTH STREET MERTHYR TYDFIL CF47 0TP

Amended ecological report submitted in support of the above application:

- o *Ecological Assessment. Aldi, Merthyr Tydfil. 16th June 2021. Tyler Grange. TG Report No. 13892_R01c_EA_LT_CW*

Summary of remaining issues:

1. Minor amendments (e.g., NRW not NE, out of date reference)
2. Amendments to planting scheme (native species)
3. Pollution avoidance – planning condition required

Remaining issues highlighted in bold below:

Details:

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12	Bats – whilst both onsite buildings (B1 and B2) have been categorised as having negligible potential suitability for roosting, there remain some opportunities particularly for B2 (e.g., gap behind signage).	A short methodology for dismantling sensitive areas where there is an outside chance of encountering bats should be added along with a statement of the course of action that should be taken should bats or their signs be identified. This has been added – page 15, but refers to NE EPS licence, rather than NRW EPS licence. Please amend.
15	Paras 4.10 and 4.11 - new planting species referred to are all ornamental non-natives.	Please replace these with native species of local (or at least Welsh) provenance. The new soft landscaping provides a good opportunity to increase onsite native biodiversity, both as compensation for specimens lost due to the development and as enhancement. This is in line with the Section 6 duty regarding maintenance and enhancement of biodiversity.

		References to the ornamental species have not been removed. As referred to above, the new soft landscaping provides a good opportunity to increase onsite 'native' biodiversity, both as compensation for specimens lost due to the development and as enhancement. Planting plan for the site needs to be re-visited and amended.
	Para 4.14 – some out of date references - CHSR (2010) and NERC Act (as previously referred to).	CHSH (2010) still in the report – this is out of date.
16	Para 4.24 – more detail needed re the pollution avoidance measures.	Please add. No details added. Planning condition will be needed to address this.