

INTERNAL MEMORANDUM

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P/20/0228 Construction a 9ML 2-cell reservoir and associated engineering, access and landscaping works at Pengarnddu Service Reservoir Pengarnddu Industrial Estate Dowlais Top

The proposed development falls within Special Landscape Area SLA1: Nant Morlais and Cwm Taf Fechan.

Relevant Key policy areas for this SLA are to:

- Retain open moorland and rocky ridges and provide robust landscape framework at lower altitudes

While the proposed making good of disturbed and re-profiled areas proposes the sowing of a wildflower meadow mixture, the selection of species is broadly reflective of the local grassland composition. As this is a utilitarian structure and service site the proposed mixture while containing some species not locally present or abundant, is considered acceptable.

- Subtle reclamation required - retain landmarks while enhancing poor quality features.

Re-grading of areas to be seeded should avoid an engineered approach and include dips, hollows and variations in profile.

- Conserve and enhance semi-natural habitats

Careful choice of species as above.

- Designated best semi-natural habitats as SINC's - Medium Term - Modify spoil reclamation

Part of the site consists of the Baenmorlais SINC, therefore sensitivity in design and choice of species needs to reflect this.

- Modify spoil reclamation method to enhance biodiversity opportunities

As referred to above.

As a part of the proposed landscape scheme, a management regime is required that will enable establishment over the next five years.

Kind regards

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