

INTERNAL MEMORANDUM

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SUBJECT: P/21/0304 | Erection of 4 bedroom detached dwelling | Pantygerdynen 56 Swansea Road Swansea Road Merthyr Tydfil CF48 1HR

Report submitted in support of the above application:

1. Ecological Assessment. 56 Swansea Road, Clwydyfagwyr, Merthyr Tydfil. BE Ecological Ltd. January 2022, Issue 1, VA.

Comments:

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- Habitats listed in 4.5.1 do not match those in Figure 3.

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- *'Any site lighting will conform to the following guidance ...'*. Statement required regarding keeping the boundary habitat dark, providing a dark route to the integrated bat block and no illumination of the bat block itself.
- *'... a new wildflower area ...'*. More details needed. Dimensions, position, a hyperlink to the seed mix etc.
- the house sparrow box *'... will be integrated into the western elevation of the new build.'* This requires amendment; the nest box will be installed on the 'eastern' gable end. This will mean the box is not in strong sunlight and that it will be close to the nearby hedge habitat.
- the bat block *'... will be placed within the southern elevation of the new build.'* The wording requires amendment so that there is no ambiguity that the box is to be integrated into the wall. In addition, the bat block must also be placed on the 'eastern' gable end. This elevation is preferable as it has no windows and again would be close to the hedge habitat.
- A further enhancement – gaps in fencing for hedgehogs – needs to be added.

All enhancements will be marked on all relevant plans/drawings for the scheme. This is required prior to determination.