

INTERNAL MEMORANDUM

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SUBJECT: P/24/0263 | Erection of an extension to an existing agricultural building | Land Formerly Of Meadowsweet Farm Trelewis Treharris CF46 6TB

SITE DESCRIPTION

All metal construction agricultural building with nearby tree and hedgerows. Set within agricultural fields (possibly hay meadows) bounded by hedges and tree lines. In the wider environment, there are woodland blocks, wooded streams and wooded river corridors.

PROPOSED WORKS AND POTENTIAL IMPACTS

See table below.

Proposed works	Works likely to impact protected species (if present)
Extension to an agricultural building for livestock and associated works.	The proposal will approximately double the size of the structure, and the proposed extension would therefore be likely to be within the Root Protection Zone of the retained tree to the southeast. The tree would also be likely to be impacted by lighting (either outside or inside the new extension).

PRIORITY AND PROTECTED SPECIES WITHIN 500M OF THE APPLICATION SITE

- ✓ Birds (including Schedule 1¹ and Section 7² species);
- ✓ Invertebrates (including Section 7² species)
- ✓ Mammals
 - ✓ Bats (European protected species³; some Section 7² species) - closest record for unidentified bat species, c.664m from site);
 - ✓ Otter (European protected species³; Section 7² species);
 - ✓ Hedgehog (Section 7² species);
 - ✓ Stoat;
 - ✓ Badger
 - ✓ Water vole;
- ✓ Reptiles (Section 7² species);
- ✓ Amphibians
 - ✓ Common toad (Section 7² species);
- ✓ Vascular plants.

¹ Wildlife & Countryside Act 1981 (as amended)
² Environment (Wales) Act 2016
³ Conservation of Habitats and Species Regulations 2017 (as amended)

DOCUMENTS SUBMITTED IN SUPPORT OF THE ABOVE APPLICATION

1. Land Formerly of Meadowsweet Farm, Trelewis, Treharris, Merthyr Tydfil, CF46 6TB. Biodiversity Enhancement Plan *prepared by* Roger Parry & Partners. Drawing number: 79347 / GH / 004. Rev: - Date: 23/09/2024.
2. Land Formerly of Meadowsweet Farm, Trelewis, Treharris, Merthyr Tydfil, CF46 6TB. Green Infrastructure Statement *prepared by* Roger Parry & Partners. Date: November 2024.
3. Oak Tree at Meadowsweet Farm, Treharris, CF46 6TB. Arboricultural Evaluation report *prepared by* David Wiltshire. TechArborA.
4. Land formerly of Meadowsweet Farm, Trelewis, Treharris, CF46 6TB. Tree and Hedgerow Management Plan *prepared by* Roger Parry & Partners LLP, Version 1.0. Date: January 2025.

COMMENTS

The above Documents are acceptable and will be included as approved documents on the decision notice should planning permission be granted. All measures as set out within the documents will be carried out.

Planning conditions

LIGHTING SCHEME

No development shall take place (including ground works, vegetation clearance) until an internal and external Lighting Scheme has been submitted to and approved in writing by the local planning authority. The lighting plan must demonstrate dark zones at the boundaries and across the site. Wildlife boxes must not be illuminated (bat, bird) and there must be dark routes to allow barrier-free access to the boxes. The Lighting Scheme must conform to the latest guidance for wildlife-friendly lighting. Guidance Note GN08/23 Bats and Artificial Lighting At Night. Bat Conservation Trust and The Institute of Lighting Professionals 2023 - <https://theilp.org.uk/publication/guidance-note-8-bats-and-artificial-lighting/>

NB although this document is aimed at bats, the principles are the similar for other nocturnal and crepuscular species.

COMPLIANCE

Evidence that ecological measures have been installed, created, implemented etc will be required on completion of the development. This evidence must be submitted to and approved in writing by the local planning authority.