

INTERNAL MEMORANDUM

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SUBJECT: P/20/0094 – Jah Jireh Care Home Heads Of The Valleys Road, Merthyr Tydfil

(Variation of Condition 1 attached to planning permission P/15/0105 (for the erection of a two-storey building providing 17 two bedroom sheltered accommodation flats) to allow a further 5 years in which to commence development).

The onsite habitat to be impacted by the proposed development appears (from the aerial photograph) to consist of grassland habitat, scrub and trees.

Nearby habitat suitable for protected species includes, grassland (marshy and acid), heathland, forestry, scrub, trees, watercourses.

Within 500m of the site there are the following designated sites:

- 3x SINC sites:
 - Bryn-du & Ty'n-y-coedcae (immediately adjacent to the eastern boundary of the site)
 - Winchfawr West (39m to the south east)
 - Cwm Ffrwd (485m to the north east)

Within 500m of the site there are the following records for priority and protected species:

- Bats (including unidentified *Myotis* species and common pipistrelle – recorded as part of a survey of the onsite buildings in 2008);
- Birds (including Schedule 1 species, e.g., barn owl);
- Invertebrates (mostly Section 7 species under the Environment (Wales) Act 2016);
- Otter;
- Reptiles;
- Amphibians.

A daytime Preliminary Ecological Appraisal (PEA) – undertaken by a suitably qualified ecologist – is required in order to investigate any impacts of the works on priority and protected species and/or habitats plus nearby designated sites and inform whether further surveys are necessary.

Appropriate mitigation and compensation measures will be required along with enhancement of the site (in accordance with the Environment (Wales) Act 2016).

An Aderyn data search from SEWBRc is required (Package C 2km).