

Technical Note

Project Bryntaf Garage
Note Walkover Inspection
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Introduction

This technical note details a site walkover at *Bryntaf Garage*, to confirm if there have been significant changes to the site since the initial ecological surveys were undertaken in 2021.

Methodology

An ecology walkover was undertaken in accordance with the methodology set out in JNCC, 2010 by David Price MCIEEM in Jan. 2025. The survey was carried out under optimal weather conditions, so the ground was soft enough to identify species specific prints.

Results

The building and surrounding scrub and grassland areas have remained unchanged since the last survey, no significant changes have occurred on site. The building is unaltered, internally it retains the same usage, and the same suitability for bats as previously identified in 2021. External habitat conditions appear stable, indicating that their potential to support a specific species has not changed since the previous report.

Recommendations

No birds' nests were noted during the walkover, however the scrub on site offer nesting opportunities for birds on site. It is recommended that clearance of nesting bird habitat (including any demolition works to the building) should be undertaken in the period August to February inclusive. Should it prove necessary to remove any breeding bird habitat during the breeding season, the area should be checked in advance for the presence of birds' nests. Once checked, if there is no evidence of breeding birds, clearance work should be completed within 48 hours of inspection. If any active nests are found in this area, then vegetation clearance must cease, and an appropriate buffer zone should be established. This buffer must be left intact until it has been confirmed that the young have fledged, and the nest is no longer in use.



Photo 1: Overview of site.



Photo 2: Overview of grassland, scrub and woodland.