

INTERNAL MEMORANDUM

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SUBJECT: P/21/0381 | Erection of 7 garages with associated retaining wall | Land Rear of 51-56 Ernest Street Merthyr Tydfil

Report submitted in support of the above application:

1. Preliminary Ecological Appraisal. Land to the Rear of 51-56 Ernest Street, Merthyr Tydfil. Little Wing Ecology. Version: 01. Date February 2022.

Comments:

Bats

A presence/possible absence survey for bats is recommended within the report, to establish the use of the store/workshop as a summer roost.

Page 23: The uncompensated re-development impact on 'commuting and foraging' bats has been categorised as Moderate. However, there is no assessment of the level of suitability of the store/workshop for 'roosting' bats. This is required, along with the number of bat activity surveys (presence/possible absence surveys) that are therefore recommended.

No mention of the suitability of the structure as a hibernation roost?

NB the bat activity survey(s) and report will be required prior to determination. I would also recommend, as part of the bat survey work, the inclusion of a static detector within the store/workshop for at least five consecutive nights.

More details required regarding external lighting. Is any proposed?

Reptiles

Page 27 – *'If reptiles are found to be living on-site during the proposed surveys, these will be translocated away from the proposed development site.'*

More details required – for instance where will the receptor site be? What will the strategy be in the event that a relatively large number of animals are found?

Enhancements

All enhancement measures (planting, hedgehog gaps, bat boxes, bird boxes, invertebrate boxes/bricks) need to be fully specified and marked on the plans/drawings for the scheme.