

INTERNAL MEMORANDUM

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SUBJECT: P/19/0310 – 2 SOMERSET LANE, CEFN COED, MERTHYR TYDFIL

(Proposed development – demolition of existing bungalow and construction of new three bedroom two-storey house with detached garage)

There are known records for protected species [e.g., bats (including multiple nearby roosts), birds (including Schedule 1 species), badger, hedgehog, otter, amphibians, invertebrates (including marsh fritillary butterfly)] within 500m.

There are designated sites within 500m of the site (1x Site of Special Scientific Importance; 4x Sites of Importance for Nature Conservation; 1x Local Nature Reserve; 5x Ancient Semi Natural Woodland sites; 3x Restored Ancient Woodland sites).

The site consists of a bungalow, garage and associated gardens. The site therefore is likely to have suitability for bats, birds and possibly hedgehog.

The proposals (demolition of existing onsite buildings) therefore have the potential to impact protected species.

A preliminary ecological appraisal (PEA) of the site to include a preliminary roost assessment (PRA) of the onsite buildings is required. These preliminary surveys will inform whether or not further survey work (e.g., bat activity surveys) are necessary.

The desk study element of the PRA will require a BARB+ data search from SEWBRcC.

The PRA will need to provide sufficient information for the local planning authority to assess the potential ecological impacts of the proposed development, or to identify what further information is required before a full assessment is possible. The results of the PRA will inform whether further surveys are required, or to establish the need for, and extent of, any mitigation or compensation measures required as part of the proposed development.

There will also need to be enhancement of the site in line with the Environment (Wales) Act 2016.