

INTERNAL MEMORANDUM

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**SUBJECT: P/20/0221 | PROPOSED SINGLE STOREY EXTENSION | BEDLINOG PRIMARY
HYLTON TERRACE BEDLINOG CF46 6RG**

Primary school building in Bedlinog with nearby woodland, scrub, hedgerow and grassland habitat of value to protected species.

Designated sites within the vicinity of the school site include:

- x3 Sites of Importance for Nature Conservation (nearest example is the Cwm Bargod SINC – 48m to the north of the site)
- x8 Ancient Semi Natural Woodland sites

Priority and protected species within the vicinity of the site:

- Birds (including Schedule 1 species);
- Bats (closest roost record – 371m away – unidentified bat species);
- Otter;
- Badger;
- Hedgehog;
- Reptiles;
- Invertebrates (including Section 7 species)

I was initially consulted regarding this application on the 08th September 2020 and a Preliminary Roost Assessment (PRA) was recommended. I undertook a PRA on the 18th September 2020 and relayed the findings to Mark Evans (Property and Estates) on that date. In summary: the building has low potential suitability for roosting bats, which (if present) would be negatively impacted by the development. Low potential suitability means that a single bat activity survey is required.

A single bat activity survey is required from mid-May 2021. This can be undertaken with a single surveyor.

The survey is required 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 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.

Local biological data will be required (BARB+) – this can be supplied by the LPA ecologist.

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