

INTERNAL MEMORANDUM

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SUBJECT: P/23/0225 | Demolition of 2 wings of Pen Y Dre Comprehensive school, redevelopment to provide a modern facility and associated works | Pen Y Dre High School Goitre Lane Gurnos Merthyr Tydfil CF47 9BY

Document submitted in support of the above application:

1. Bat Survey: Pen-y-Dre Comprehensive School, Gurnos Estate, Merthyr Tydfil, CF47 9BY. Version 3.0. September 2023. Ecological Services Ltd.
2. Biodiversity Strategy – Pen Y Dre High School. Dated **17th November 2023**. Ecological Services Ltd.
3. Proposed Elevations and Sections Drg No. 26Z006_LAW-X-XX-DR-A-062-0002_P10
4. Proposed Elevations and Sections Drg No. 26Z006_LAW-X-XX-DR-A-062-0003_P10

COMMENTS:

All documents as referenced above are acceptable and the documents will be listed as approved documents in planning condition #2.

All recommendations as set out within these documents will be followed.

The following advisory notes will be added to the decision notice should planning permission be granted.

BATS

Warning: this planning permission does not provide consent to undertake works that require a European Protected Species (EPS) licence.

All bats and their roosts are protected under UK and European legislation. It is an offence to deliberately kill, injure, capture or disturb a bat or to recklessly damage or destroy their breeding sites or resting places.

If works are planned on a building/tree in which bats are found to be roosting, Natural Resources Wales (NRW) must be contacted. on 0300 065 3000 or at <https://naturalresources.wales/permits-and-permissions/species-licensing/apply-for-a-protected-species-licence/bat-licences/?lang=en>.

If work has already commenced and bats are found, or if any evidence that bats are using the site as a roost is found, work should cease and NRW should be contacted immediately.

Under these circumstances, an EPS licence is likely to be required to undertake the works within the law.

NESTING BIRDS

All birds, their nests and eggs are protected by law under the Wildlife and Countryside Act 1981 (as amended) while they are breeding.

If works to any trees, hedgerows and/or other nesting bird habitat (including buildings with suitable features) are to be undertaken, they will take place outside of the bird nesting season. If the works must be undertaken during the nesting season (generally from 1st March until 31st August, although birds are known to nest outside of these dates in suitable conditions), a breeding bird survey will be required and must be carried out by a suitably qualified ecologist. Any active nests identified will be protected until the young have fledged.

Where a Schedule 1 species (as defined in the Wildlife and Countryside Act - <https://www.legislation.gov.uk/ukpga/1981/69/schedule/1>) is involved, compensation for impacts, e.g., loss of nesting sites, will be devised and implemented.