

INTERNAL MEMORANDUM

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SUBJECT: P/21/0220 | NEW ACCESS, ACCESS ROAD AND PARKING WITH ASSOCIATED RE-PROFILING OF GROUND | THE WERN CAE'R WERN YNYSFACH MERTHYR TYDFIL CF48 1AE

Site consists of playing fields plus buildings and hardstanding bounded by residential housing to the north and east, woodland and scrub to the south and west. There is nearby a nearby ditch/drain running parallel to the western boundary and the Nant Rhydyar parallel to the southern boundary.

Designated sites within 500m of the application site:

- Site of Special Scientific Interest (SSSI) – x1: Cwm Glo A Glyndyrys, 90m from site;
- Sites of Importance for Nature Conservation (SINC) – x3: closest, Cwm Glo, 107m from site;
- NRW Priority Area (Heathland and Grassland);
- Buglife B-Lines Area.

Priority and protected species within 500m of the application site:

- Birds (including Schedule 1¹ species);
- Fungi and slime moulds (including Section 7² species);
- Invertebrates (including marsh fritillary butterfly – 453m from – and other Section 7² species);
- Bats (closest roost record for common pipistrelle, 297m from site);
- Otter;
- Hedgehog;
- Amphibians (including great crested newt, closest record 391m from site);
- Vascular plants (including Section 7² species).

A Preliminary Ecological Appraisal (PEA) of the site (undertaken by a suitably qualified and experienced ecologist) is required. This must provide sufficient information for the local planning authority to assess any potential adverse impacts of the proposed development on priority and protected species and/or habitats, or to identify what further information is required before a full assessment is possible.

¹ Wildlife & Countryside Act 1981 (as amended)

² Environment (Wales) Act 2016

The results of the PEA will be used to inform whether further surveys are required, or to establish the need for and extent of any mitigation and compensation measures required as part of the proposed development.

An Aderyn data search is required from SEWBReC (Package C 2km).

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