

INTERNAL MEMORANDUM

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SUBJECT: P/20/0288 | DEMOLITION OF EXISTING BUILDING, AND CONSTRUCTION OF 4 BUILDINGS COMPRISING 2 BUNGALOWS, 8 FLATS AND 2 DWELLINGS WITH LANDSCAPING, CAR PARKING, DRAINAGE ARRANGEMENTS AND NEW PLAY AREA | SITE OF FORMER ST LUKE'S CHURCH LANSBURY ROAD SWANSEA ROAD MERTHYR TYDFIL

Updated documents have been submitted in support of this application:

1. *Bat Activity Survey Report. St Luke's Church, Gellideg. Elite Ecology. Final Report Version V1.4, dated 19/01/2021. FRONT PAGE DATED February 2021.*
2. *Housing Development at Lansbury Road, Gellideg, Merthyr Tydfil. Site Plan. Project No. 9033. Drawing No. 19. Revision I – 19/02/21. Paul Overton Architects.*
3. *Residential Development Lansbury Road, Gellideg. Landscape Proposals. Project No. 753. Drawing No. 01. Rev D – 01/10/20. Fiona Cloke Associates.*

Comments:

- o SEWBRc data added, but no **unique reference number** included (1).
- o NB references made to BAP species – however, in Wales, lists of priority habitats and species are now kept under Section 7 of the Environment (Wales) Act 2016. This should be amended (1).
- o Figure 8 does not show a 13cm x 13cm hole, but rather what looks like a broken featheredge board. I would prefer a more appropriate image or no image at all (1).
- o The bat and bird boxes have now been marked both on the architect's site plan and on the landscape proposals plan (2 and 3).
- o There is no plan within the ecologist report (1) showing the position of the hedgehog gaps. Additionally, the architect's site plan and landscape proposals plan do not include these.
- o Landscaping Proposals plan (3). *All* species within the LP must be native species of local, if not, Welsh provenance. As many of the species as possible as outlined in Section 5.1 of the bat report must be incorporated into the plan.
- o If onsite external lighting is proposed, it will need to be demonstrated that the bat boxes will not be illuminated, that there are some dark areas on site leading away from the boxes and that any lights used are appropriate and conform to guidelines.
- o There needs to be a brief method statement for the demolition works in sensitive areas for bats and the course of action to take in the event that bats are discovered during works.