

INTERNAL MEMORANDUM

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SUBJECT: P/22/0057 | Erection of single storey holiday accommodation with integrated bike store | Swan Villa 50 Swansea Road Swansea Road Merthyr Tydfil CF48 1HR

Amenity grassland area of a residential garden.

Designated sites within 500m of the application site:

- Sites of Importance for Nature Conservation (SINC) – x4 (closest is Gellideg North Fields, c.86m from site);
- Regionally Important Geodiversity Site (RIGS) – x1;
- Within a Buglife B-Lines Area.

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

- Birds (including Schedule 1¹ species and Section 7² species);
- Invertebrates (including Section 7² species);
- Otter;
- Hedgehog;
- Amphibians (including great crested newt, closest record c.400m from site);
- Fish (including Section 7² species);
- Vascular plants.

Currently the grassland in the area proposed for the new structure is highly managed. This close-cut management regime should continue until construction begins.

No ecological survey work required, however, there will need to be enhancement in line with the Environment (Wales) Act 2016 and Welsh Government Circular 'Securing Biodiversity Enhancements' sent to Heads of planning in October 2019.

The following will be required:

- A wildflower area will be created within the garden. The following seed mix will be used:

EM1 – BASIC GENERAL PURPOSE MEADOW MIXTURE
(<https://wildseed.co.uk/mixtures/view/2>)

¹ Wildlife & Countryside Act 1981 (as amended)

² Environment (Wales) Act 2016

- A bird box erected on the southern elevation of the new structure opposite the existing hedge:

<https://www.nhbs.com/sparrow-terrace-nest-box> (or similar)

The above enhancement measures will be marked on all relevant plans and elevations and will be a condition of the planning permission if granted.