

INTERNAL MEMORANDUM

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SUBJECT: P/23/0062 | Erection of two wood cabins with interconnecting canopy to serve as sheltered education and wellbeing spaces for the local community | Land To The Rear Of 18- 22 Bryngoleu Aberfan Merthyr Tydfil

Grassland site bounded by connected woodland habitat.

Designated sites within 500m of the application site:

- Sites of Importance for Nature Conservation (SINC) – x7 (closest, Afon Taf, **immediately adjacent to the eastern site boundary**);
- Ancient Semi Natural Woodland (ASNW) – 13 (closest, **immediately adjacent to the eastern site boundary**);
- Restored Ancient Woodland Site (RAWS) – x2 (closest, c.300m from the centre of the site);
- Plantation on Ancient Woodland Site (PAWS) – x2 (closest, c.350m from the centre of the site);
- Ancient Woodland Site of Unknown Category (AWSUC) – x2 (closest, c.350m from the centre of the site);
- NRW Priority Area (Woodland – PAWS) – x2 (closest, c.350m from the centre of the site)

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

- Birds (including Schedule 1¹ and Section 7² species);
- Fish (including Section 7² species);
- Invertebrates (including Section 7² species);
- Bats (closest roost record for unidentified pipistrelle species, c.185m from the centre of the site);
- Otter;
- Weasel;
- Hedgehog;
- Reptiles;
- Amphibians

¹ Wildlife & Countryside Act 1981 (as amended)

² Environment (Wales) Act 2016

The submission of the following document, compiled in 2020 is noted:

- Bryngoleu. Ecological Management Plan 2020-2022. Wildlife Trust of South and West Wales.

However, an up-to-date 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.

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 will not be required from SEWBReC in this instance.

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

Full details of the nature of the development (including for example, the proposal for lighting) plus the proposed onsite activities and management practices should be provided to the ecologists commissioned to undertake the survey work.