

INTERNAL MEMORANDUM

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SUBJECT: P/22/0062 | Renovation and extension of building and change of use from retail and office to a bar/restaurant and residential (5 No. flats) | 120 - 121 High Street Merthyr Tydfil CF47 8BL

Report submitted in support of the above application:

- o Initial Bat Inspection Survey. 120-121 High Street, Merthyr Tydfil. Be Ecological Ltd. Issue 1, **Version B**. February 2022.

Comments:

1. The name and date of the document needs to be changed as this is now not only an initial bat inspection survey report, but also a bat activity survey report.
2. In 5.2 Hibernation Season Usage, page 17 states '*It is extremely unlikely that bats will use the building for hibernation due to lack of access points ...*'

However ...

In 4.3.1 External survey results, page 14 states '*Some of the roof is difficult to view from the ground due to obstruction. There are small gaps beneath fascias and barge boards.*'

This is contradictory.

Due to the poor visibility and gaps behind fascia boards and barge boards, hibernation usage cannot be ruled out. Therefore, the report text needs to be amended to state that works will take place outside of the bat hibernation season.

3. 4.8 Conclusion & Recommendations, page 16:

*'Due to some areas of the building not being able to be seen from the ground, it is considered that the work should be undertaken in line with a method statement and ecological supervision. **The method statement is included herein.***

The method statement does not seem to be included. Please can this be added in?

4. All enhancement measures – bird and bat boxes will be included on all relevant plans/drawings for the development. These will be required prior to determination.