

INTERNAL MEMORANDUM

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SUBJECT: P/21/0340 | CONVERSION OF BARN TO A DWELLING WITH A SINGLE STOREY SIDE AND REAR EXTENSION AND OTHER ASSOCIATED ALTERATIONS | GOITRE COED FACH FARM GOITRE-COED ROAD TREHARRIS CF46 5BB

Agricultural building set within grassland and woodland habitat with strong links to wooded river and railway corridors.

Designated sites within 500m of the application site:

- Sites of Importance for Nature Conservation (SINC): x4 (closest to site, Lower Taf & Edwardsville Woods – 17m NW);
- Ancient Semi Natural Woodland (ASNW): x18 sites.

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

- Birds (including Schedule 1¹ species);
- Fish (including Section 7² species);
- Invertebrates (including Section 7²);
- Bats (closest roost record for unidentified bat species, c.254m from site);
- Otter (closest record, c.148m);
- Hedgehog;
- Reptiles;
- Amphibians;
- Vascular plants.

A Preliminary Ecological Appraisal (PEA) / Preliminary Roost Assessment (PRA) for bats and nesting birds 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 / PRA 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.

¹ Wildlife & Countryside Act 1981 (as amended)

² Environment (Wales) Act 2016

Looking at the photographs of the barn and associated structures, further bat activity surveys are very likely to be required. Static detector deployment is also likely to be appropriate.

An Aderyn data search is required from SEWBRcC (Package C 2km). Reports submitted without data will not be accepted.

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