

INTERNAL MEMORANDUM

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SUBJECT: P/26/0071 | Replacement of two existing windows with new doors and removal of an additional existing window. Replacement of the existing external fence with a new 2.4m-high fence and provision of hardstanding | Troedyrhiw Primary School-Juniors Building No. 2 Archer Street Troedyrhiw Merthyr Tydfil CF48 4JQ

SITE DESCRIPTION

Primary School site adjacent to valuable and well-connected habitat (e.g., trees, scrub, grassland, woodland, wooded river corridor etc) suitable to support a range of protected species (e.g., birds, bats, reptiles, invertebrates etc).

DESIGNATED SITES WITHIN 500M OF THE APPLICATION SITE

- ✓ Sites of Importance for Nature Conservation (SINC) – x4, closest Afon Taf (c.134m);
- ✓ Ancient Semi Natural Woodland (ASNW) – x3;
- ✓ Restored Ancient Woodland Site (RAWS) – x1;
- ✓ Ancient Woodland Site of Unknown Category (AWSUC) – x1.

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)
- ✓ Mammals
 - ✓ Bats (European protected species³ + some Section 7² species) - closest roost record for Unidentified bat species, c.345m from site);
 - ✓ Otter (European protected species³ + Section 7² species);
 - ✓ Dormouse (European protected species³ + Section 7² species);
 - ✓ Hedgehog (Section 7² species);
 - ✓ Badger;
- ✓ Reptiles (Section 7² species).

DOCUMENTS SUBMITTED IN SUPPORT OF THE ABOVE APPLICATION

1. Troedyrhiw Community Primary School, Merthyr Tydfil, CF48 4JQ. Green Infrastructure Statement, *prepared by* Design Management Partnership Ltd. Dated: 10.03.26.
2. Troedyrhiw Community Primary School, Merthyr Tydfil. Proposed Elevations drawing, *prepared by* Design Management Partnership Ltd. Drawing number 220. Rev B. Dated: 16.03.26.
3. Troedyrhiw Community Primary School, Merthyr Tydfil. Proposed Site Plan drawing, *prepared by* Design Management Partnership Ltd. Drawing number 203. Rev A. Dated: 12.03.26.

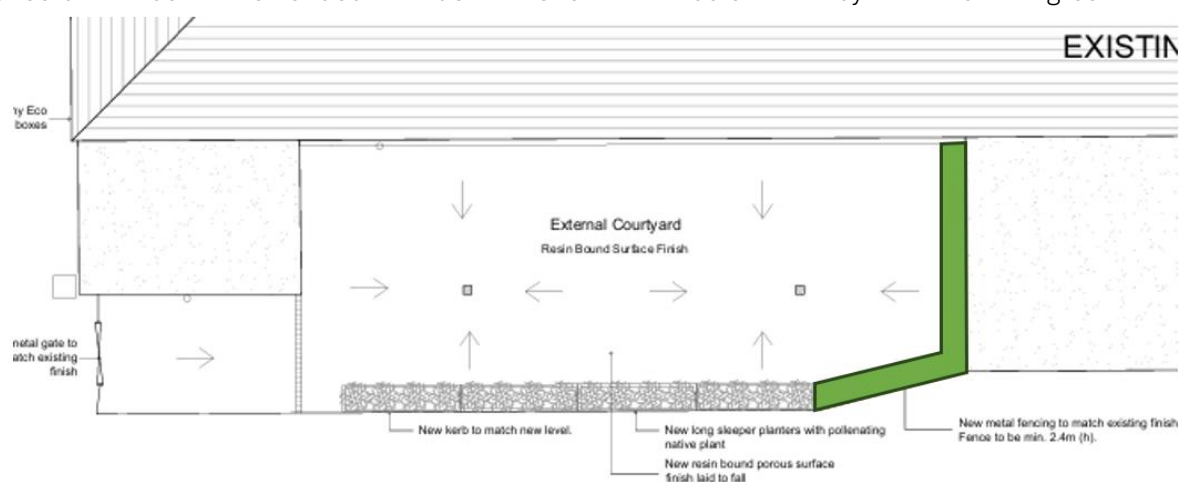
¹ Wildlife & Countryside Act 1981 (as amended)

² Environment (Wales) Act 2016

³ Conservation of Habitats and Species Regulations 2017 (as amended)

COMMENTS

- Document 1 refers to biodiversity net gain (BNG). NB this is the system/policy in place in England. In Wales the system/policy is Net Benefit for Biodiversity. Please amend.
- Please remove the bat boxes from the south eastern elevation (Documents 1, 2 and 3) – the elevation is a little low. these can be erected on the trees within the site – as high as possible and facing in any direction (must ensure a clear flight path and no illumination).
- All bird and bat boxes will be constructed from woodstone or woodcrete (for reasons of longevity) – please amend (Documents 1, 2 and 3). For example:
 - <https://www.nhbs.com/1sp-schwegler-sparrow-terrace>, (or equivalent) NB the x3 bird boxes can be replaced with x1 sparrow terrace
 - <https://www.greenwoodsecohabitats.co.uk/shop>, two crevice bat box (or equivalent)
- The bat and bird boxes must not be illuminated. There will be no increased onsite lighting.
- The scheme will remove areas of grass and proposes the introduction of linear sleeper planters. These should be extended as shown below by the green polygon:



- The exact species mix proposed for the sleeper planters must be fully detailed. All must be native species of local (if not Welsh or UK) provenance. Please add to Document 1.
- A long-term (25 year) establishment, maintenance and management plan for the species in the sleeper planters is required. NB the webpages for wildflower seed mixes (for example, <https://wildseed.co.uk/>) often contain establishment and management instructions, which can be used in the GIS document (Document 1).
- A timetable for implementation of the ecological features must be provided, along with details of who will be responsible for the management and how the management will be funded. Please add to Document 1.