

INTERNAL MEMORANDUM

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SUBJECT: P/24/0220 | Installation of a House Martin Tower | Land Adjacent To Penywern Middle Pond Dowlais Merthyr Tydfil

SITE DESCRIPTION

Grassland alongside reservoir site with good links (via, e.g., grassland and scrub) to the wider environment.

DESIGNATED SITES WITHIN 500M OF THE APPLICATION SITE

- ✓ Sites of Importance for Nature Conservation (SINC): x1 Blaenmorlais (c.471m from site)
- ✓ Within a Buglife B-Lines Area:

PRIORITY AND PROTECTED SPECIES WITHIN 500M OF THE APPLICATION SITE

- ✓ Birds (including Schedule 1¹ and Section 7² species);
- ✓ Fungi + Slime Moulds (including Section 7² species);
- ✓ Invertebrates (including Section 7² species)
 - ✓ Marsh fritillary butterfly (Section 7² species), closest record c.212m from site;
- ✓ Mammals
 - ✓ Bats (European protected species³; some Section 7² species) - closest roost record for lesser horseshoe bat, c.1168m from site);
 - ✓ Otter (European protected species³; Section 7² species);
 - ✓ Hedgehog (Section 7² species);
 - ✓ Water vole;
- ✓ Amphibians
 - ✓ Common toad (Section 7² species);
- ✓ Vascular plants (including Section 7² species).

REQUIREMENTS

A small amount of green infrastructure should be incorporated into the proposal. A brief Green Infrastructure Statement (GIS) is therefore required (in line with Planning Policy Wales 12) prior to determination, this will include a description of the green infrastructure and its installation together with information regarding the long-term maintenance, management + monitoring of the green infrastructure (and the bird tower) including how this will be funded.

¹ Wildlife & Countryside Act 1981 (as amended)

² Environment (Wales) Act 2016

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