

INTERNAL MEMORANDUM

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SUBJECT: P/23/0167 | Proposed extension to workshop | 7 - 9 Harlan Business Park Goat Mill Road Dowlais Merthyr Tydfil CF48 3TE

Commercial building close to extensive scrub, woodland and grassland areas.

Designated sites closest to the application site:

- Sites of Importance for Nature Conservation (SINC) – closest, Bryniau, c.1356m;
- Ancient Semi Natural Woodland (ASNW) – closest, c.1700m;
- Restored Ancient Woodland Site (RAWS) – closest, c.1500m;
- 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 and Slime Moulds (including Section 7² species);
- Invertebrates (including Section 7² species);
- Bats (closest roost record for unidentified bat species, c.1089m from site. Closest record for common pipistrelle, c.372m from site);
- Badger;
- Hedgehog;
- Amphibians (including great crested newt, closest record c.473m from site);
- Vascular plants (including Section 7² species).

No ecological survey work required, however, there will need to be enhancement in line with the Environment (Wales) Act 2016 and Welsh Government Circular 'Securing Biodiversity Enhancements' sent to Heads of planning in October 2019.

The following will be required:

- A single integrated bat box installed on the south eastern elevation:
<https://www.greenwoodsecohabitats.co.uk/shop> (single crevice box) – or similar (self-cleaning, woodstone or woodcrete construction).

The bat box will not be directly illuminated.

There will be no extra onsite external lighting above existing levels.

¹ Wildlife & Countryside Act 1981 (as amended)

² Environment (Wales) Act 2016

The box will be shown on the relevant drawings/plans for the site prior to determination.

The above enhancement measures will be a condition of the planning permission if granted.

Evidence that the above enhancement has been satisfactorily created will be subject of a condition should planning permission be granted.