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Merthyr Tydfil County Borough Council
Unit 5 Triangle Business Park
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Dyddiad/Date: 09 July 2024

Annwyl Syr/Madam/Dear Sir/Madam,

BWRIAD/PROPOSAL: TWO STOREY REAR EXTENSION

LLEOLIAD/LOCATION: 200 HIGH STREET CEFN COED MERTHYR TYDFIL

Thank you for consulting Cyfoeth Naturiol Cymru (CNC)/Natural Resources Wales (NRW) about the above, which we received on 24 June 2024.

We have concerns with the application as submitted. However, we are satisfied that these concerns can be overcome by attaching the following condition to any planning permission granted:

Condition: construction method statement

Please note, without the inclusion of this condition we would object to this planning application. Further details are provided below.

Protected Sites

The application site is close, approximately 6m, to Cwm Taf Fechan Woodlands Site of Special Scientific Interest (SSSI) which includes the Taf Fechan river. The terrain to the SSSI from the application site is steep (downhill) and wooded. It is important that construction works do not adversely impact the SSSI. We therefore request a brief construction method statement is submitted to demonstrate how the SSSI will be protected from construction works. This may be conditioned. The construction method statement should be illustrated with photographs, and include the following:

- how materials and equipment will be transported to the rear of the house
- the working footprint of the proposal
- how waste generated will be managed
- details of site construction drainage

We refer the applicant to General pollution prevention guidance which should be used when developing any pollution prevention measures for the site. In particular we refer the applicant to GPP5 and GPP6. These can be found here: [gpp-5-works-and-maintenance-in-or-near-water.pdf \(netregs.org.uk\)](https://netregs.org.uk/gpp-5-works-and-maintenance-in-or-near-water.pdf) and here: [gpp6-working-on-construction-and-demolition-sites.pdf \(netregs.org.uk\)](https://netregs.org.uk/gpp6-working-on-construction-and-demolition-sites.pdf).

European Protected Species

We recommend you seek the advice of your in-house ecologist to determine if there is a reasonable likelihood of bats, a European Protected Species, or other protected species being present within the application site. If so, in accordance with Technical Advice Note 5: Nature Conservation and Planning (paragraph 6.2.2) a survey may be required.

Survey should be carried out in accordance best practice, such as 'Bat Surveys for Professional Ecologists; Good Practice Guidelines 4th Edition' published by the Bat Conservation Trust 2023.

Please consult us again if any survey undertaken finds that European protected species are present at the site, and you require further advice from us.

Flood Risk Activity Permit

Please advise the Applicant that the Environmental Permitting Regulations (2016) require them to obtain a bespoke Flood Risk Activity Permit for any works or structures located in, under, over or within 8 metres of the bank top of the Taf Fechan, a designated "main river". Further advice and guidance is available on our website:

<http://www.naturalresources.wales/permits-and-permissions/flood-risk-activities/flood-risk-activity-permits-information/?lang=en>

Other Matters

Our comments above only relate specifically to matters included on our checklist, *Development Planning Advisory Service: Consultation Topics* (September 2018), which is published on our [website](#). We have not considered potential effects on other matters and do not rule out the potential for the proposed development to affect other interests.

We advise the applicant that, in addition to planning permission, it is their responsibility to ensure they secure all other permits/consents/licences relevant to their development. Please refer to our [website](#) for further details.

If you have any queries on the above, please do not hesitate to contact us.

Yn gywir / Yours faithfully

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