

INTERNAL MEMORANDUM

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SUBJECT: P/21/0421 | Residential development comprising of a pair of semi-detached bungalows with associated works | Land At Walnut Way, Merthyr Tydfil

Updated reports submitted in support of this application:

1. Ecological Impact Assessment. Walnut Way, Merthyr Tydfil. Ecological Services Ltd. **V2. 12th January 2022.**
2. 9021-15G-Proposals v2018.pdf Dated **November 2021.**
3. 9021-16B-Floor Plan and Elevations v2018.pdf. Dated **December 2021.**

Comments from memo 1 (new comments in **green**):

Invertebrates: there is no discussion of invertebrates. Perhaps the Rapid Assessment of the Potential Value of Invertebrate Habitats – presented as a ‘Phase 1 for Bugs’ in an article of ‘In Practice: Bulletin of the Chartered Institute of Ecology and Environment Management. Issue 112. June 2021. Pages 44-48’ – could be used? Appropriate mitigation, compensation and enhancement is required.

Still nothing in Document 1 regarding invertebrates?

Enhancement measures: enhancement measures (as set out in 5.1, 5.2 and 5.3) will be marked on all relevant drawings/plans for the development.

Bat and bird boxes (5.1 and 5.2) are marked on Document 3, that’s great, but I can’t see reference to the gaps for hedgehogs (5.3) on Document 2? It might be my poor eyesight, but I can’t see it.

Lighting: the reports must state:

1. if external lighting is proposed, a lighting plan will be required. The lighting plan must conform to the following guidelines - <https://theilp.org.uk/publication/guidance-note-8-bats-and-artificial-lighting/>
2. there will be no illumination of the eastern boundary.

Point 1 above has been addressed, but not Point 2.

I notice that lighting is marked on the Document 2 (Wall-mounted fittings, hooded downlighters with motion sensor switches). Is this the only lighting proposed? Please can the spec of the proposed luminaires be supplied to check they comply with the guidelines referred to above.

Landscape Scheme: this will be submitted for consideration. All species will be native species of local (or at least Welsh) provenance.

Landscape scheme needs to have native species (NB UK provenance would be acceptable if there are supply issues). I would be happy for an amended landscape scheme to be conditioned.