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Merthyr Tydfil County Borough Council
Unit 5 Triangle Business Park
Pentrebach
CF48 4TQ

Dyddiad/Date: 29 February 2024

Annwyl Syr/Madam/Dear Sir/Madam,

BWRIAD/PROPOSAL: New Solar Panels to main roof

LLEOLIAD/LOCATION: Former Police Station, Bridge Street, Troedyrhiw, Merthyr Tydfil, CF48 4DT

Thank you for consulting Cyfoeth Naturiol Cymru (CNC)/Natural Resources Wales (NRW) about the above, which we received on 13 February 2024.

We have no objection to the proposed development as submitted and provide the following advice.

Pollution Prevention

The site is immediately adjacent to the River Taff main river. Due to the proximity of the site to watercourses, all works at the site must be carried out in accordance with Guidance for Pollution Prevention (GPP) 5: Works and maintenance in or near water, and GPP 6: Working on construction and demolition sites, which are available on the [NetRegs website](#).

The guidance should be followed to ensure that pollution does not enter any watercourse during construction, or in the operational lifetime of the proposed site.

Flood Risk

Our Flood Risk Map confirms the application site lies entirely within Zone C2 of the Development Advice Maps (DAM) as contained in Technical Advice Note (TAN) 15: Development and Flood Risk (2004). The Flood Map for Planning identifies the application site to be at risk of flooding and falls into Flood Zone 2 3 Rivers.

Given the nature of the proposed development (and in the absence of a flood consequences assessment) we consider the proposals could be acceptable, subject to the developer being made aware of the potential flood risks and advised to install flood-proofing measures as part of the development.

In areas at risk of flooding, we recommend that consideration be given to the incorporation of flood resistance/resilience measures into the design and construction of the development.

These could include flood barriers on ground floor doors, windows and access points, implementation of suitable flood proofing measures to the internal fabric of the ground floor and locating electrical sockets/components at a higher level above possible flood levels.

We refer the applicant to our [website](#) for further advice and guidance is available. Additional guidance including the leaflet “Prepare your Property for flooding” can be found [here](#).

The developer can also access advice and information on protection from flooding from the ODPM publication ‘Preparing for Floods: Interim Guidance for Improving the Flood Resistance of Domestic and Small Business Properties’, can be found [here](#).

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, being present within the application site. If so, in accordance with Technical Advice Note 5: Nature Conservation and Planning (paragraph 6.2.2) a bat survey may be required.

The survey should be carried out in accordance with ‘Bat Surveys for Professional Ecologists; Good Practice Guidelines 4th Edition’ published by the Bat Conservation Trust 2023.

We therefore have no comments to make on the application, as submitted. Please consult us again if any survey undertaken finds that bats are present at the site, and you require further advice from us.

Advice to the Applicant

Flood Risk Activity Permit

Please be advised the Environmental Permitting Regulations (2016) require you 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 Roath Brook, a designated ‘main river’. Further advice and guidance are available on our website:

[Natural Resources Wales / Check if you need a flood risk activity permit \(FRAP\)](#)

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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