

INTERNAL MEMORANDUM

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SUBJECT: P/22/0104 | Proposed conversion of existing Wesley Chapel into 6 self-contained flats with associated external works including new dormers to the northern and southern elevations | Wesley Methodist Church South Street Dowlais CF48 3DS

Vacant, former Chapel building. Nearby grassland, scrub and woodland habitat.

Report submitted in support of this application:

1. Bat Scoping Survey: Wesley Methodist Church, South Street, Dowlais, Merthyr Tydfil, CF48 3DS. Ecological Services Ltd. V1.0 dated April, 2002.

Comments

Unique reference number from SEWBrEC required.

The report has classed the building as having low-moderate potential suitability for roosting bats. Could this be expanded upon please? What types of bat is the building suitable for (e.g., crevice-dwelling, roost void dwelling, bats that need a flight space ...etc)? What types of roost is the building suitable for (e.g., maternity, hibernation ...etc)? What are the reasons for these conclusions?

The report recommends x2 bat activity surveys using a minimum of x5 experienced surveyors. These surveys will be supplemented with an automated/static detector survey of the roof space(s) over at least x5 consecutive nights in appropriate weather conditions for bats – as appropriate.

Results of the bat activity surveys are required before further comments can be made.

NB Pre-Application Enquiry Comments requested the following:

'A Preliminary Ecological Appraisal (PEA) of the site as a whole to include a Preliminary Roost Assessment (PRA) for bats and nesting birds of the onsite buildings ...'

Document 1 is related only to bats. Therefore, further survey effort to include the PEA and nesting birds is also required.