

Subject	Removal of condition H attached to appeal decisions APP6410/C/95/508749 and APP6410/C/95/508750
Site Name	Merthyr Motor Auctions
Title / Description	Wildflower planting information
Client	Mr Dean Davies
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Dear Matthew Davies,

We are writing to you with regards to an application for the removal of condition H attached to appeal decisions APP6410/C/95/508749 and APP6410/C/95/508750 which currently restricts the use of flood lighting at Merthyr Motor Auctions.

The following condition was attached to the decision notice (Condition 4 of Decision P/20/0262).

“The floodlights hereby permitted, shall not be brought into use until details of a wildflower strip on the grass verge that runs along the eastern boundary has been submitted and approved in writing by the Local Planning Authority. The details shall include the area of land to be planted/seeded, the mix and density of plants/grass/seeds noting species, an implantation programme and a wildflower management plan. All planting and seeding comprised in the approved details shall be carried out in the first planting and seeding seasons after the floodlights, hereby permitted, are brought into use”

The following information will be used in order to discharge the condition on the application.

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An area of wildflower planting will be undertaken as per figure 1 below. The area is approximately 50m².



Figure 1: Area to be seeded with wildflowers boxed red (Google Maps, 2022)

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The site will be seeded with Emorsgate EM2.

Preparation of ground

A seed bed will be created by first removing any weeds via manual cultivation. The bed will be dug to bury any surface vegetation, the area will then be raked and compacted to form a firm surface.

Sowing

The seeds will be sown either in autumn or spring. The seeds will be sown by hand at a rate of 4g/m². The seed will be sown on the surface and firmed down but not covered.

Year 1 management

Weeds will not be removed until mid to late summer, in order to provide shelter for seedlings. In late summer (early august), the weeds will be cut, removed and placed in compost piles around the wider site. Perennial weeds such as dock will be dug out by hand. The young meadow will then be strimmed short (50mm) through to the end of March the next year.

Management once established (years 2-5)

The grass cutting regime would be designed to allow wildflowers to seed the area for the following season. The wildflower strip will be cut twice per year for at least five years using hand tools once in March/April and again no earlier than 15th July in order to mimic hay meadow management. The cut following the 15th July will reduce the height of the meadow to approximately 50mm, arisings will be left in place on site to dry and seed for at least 3 days but no more than 7 before being removed from the area. Re-growth will be strimmed back to 50mm through to late autumn/winter and again in spring if required.

If you have any questions or queries, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Yours sincerely,

Beth Evans (Director)

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Beth Evans". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large 'B' and 'E'.

Beth Evans BSc MSc

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