

INTERNAL MEMORANDUM

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SUBJECT: P/22/0303 | Replacement of existing stables with new stable block for hobby use, sitting of 3 No. steel containers for tack and fodder storage and retention of retaining wall | Land To The South East Of Ael-y-Bryn Trelewis CF46 6BD

Stable block with adjacent grassland and scrub. Well-linked to further grassland areas, hedgerows, agricultural fields, woodland pockets, lake and river habitat.

Designated sites within 500m of the application site:

- Sites of Importance for Nature Conservation (SINC) – x4 (closest, Gelligaer Common, c.159m from site);
- Ancient Semi Natural Woodland (ASNW) – x6;
- Ancient Woodland Site of Unknown Category (AWSUC) – x2.

Priority and protected species within 500m of the application site:

- Birds (including Schedule 1¹ and Section 7² species);
- Fish (including Section 7² species);
- Invertebrates (including Section 7² species);
- Bats (closest roost record for brown long-eared bat, c.172m from site);
- Otter;
- Badger;
- Hedgehog;
- Water vole;
- Stoat;
- Reptiles;
- Amphibians;
- Vascular plants.

A Preliminary Roost Assessment (PRA) for bats and nesting birds of the existing onsite building (undertaken by a suitably qualified and experienced ecologist) is required. This must provide sufficient information for the local planning authority to assess any potential adverse impacts of the proposed development on priority and protected species and/or habitats, or to identify what further information is required before a full assessment is possible.

¹ Wildlife & Countryside Act 1981 (as amended)

² Environment (Wales) Act 2016

The results of the PRA will be used to inform whether further surveys are required, or to establish the need for and extent of any mitigation and compensation measures required as part of the proposed development.

A BARB+ data search required from SEWBReC.

There will need to be enhancement of the site in line with the Environment (Wales) Act 2016.