

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

Comments made at the Pre-Application Stage (PA/21/0044) below:

A Preliminary Ecological Appraisal, PEA (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.

The results of the PEA 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.

An Aderyn data search is required from SEWBRc (Package C 2km).

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

Reports submitted in support of this application:

- Preliminary Ecological Assessment. Walnut Way, Merthyr Tydfil. Ecological Services Ltd. V1.0. 10th August 2021.
- Ecological Impact Assessment. Walnut Way, Merthyr Tydfil. Ecological Services Ltd. V1. 19th November 2021.

Comments:

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.

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.

Lighting: the reports must state:

- 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/>
- there will be no illumination of the eastern boundary.

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