

INTERNAL MEMORANDUM

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SUBJECT: P/21/0418 | Construction of a detached granny annexe within rear garden | 4 Greenfield Court Pentrebach Merthyr Tydfil CF48 4BH

Residential site adjacent to woodland and drain/stream habitat Well-connected to the wider natural environment.

Designated sites within 500m of the application site:

- Sites of Importance for Nature Conservation (SINC): x4 (closest to site – Afon Taf, c.162m);
- Ancient Semi Natural Woodland (ASNW) x1 (c.500m away from site).

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

- Birds (including Schedule 1¹ species);
- Invertebrates (including Section 7² species);
- Bats (closest record for soprano pipistrelle, c.98m from site);
- Otter;
- Hedgehog;
- Polecat;
- Reptiles;
- Amphibians;
- Vascular plants.

No ecological survey work required, however, there will need to be enhancement in line with the Environment (Wales) Act 2016 and Welsh Government Circular 'Securing Biodiversity Enhancements' sent to Heads of planning in October 2019.

The following will be required:

- A wildflower area will be created with the area specified. The following seed mix will be used:

EM1 – BASIC GENERAL PURPOSE MEADOW MIXTURE
(<https://wildseed.co.uk/mixtures/view/2>)

¹ Wildlife & Countryside Act 1981 (as amended)

² Environment (Wales) Act 2016

- A single integrated bat box installed on the south eastern gable end of the existing building – near to the apex:

<https://www.greenwoodsecohabitats.co.uk/shop> (single crevice box) – or similar.

The bat box will not be illuminated.

There will be no extra onsite external lighting above existing levels.

Enhancements as above will be marked on plans prior to determination to include:

- position, area and seed mix of the wildflower area;
- position of the bat box on the building and the model to be used (as shown above).

Evidence that the above enhancement has been satisfactorily created will be subject of a condition should planning permission be granted.