

INTERNAL MEMORANDUM

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SUBJECT: P/22/0326 | Conversion of chapel into 8 flats with associated refurbishment works, demolition of rear vestry annexe and creation of dedicated car parking area. | Brynhyfryd Chapel Thomas Street Treharris

Chapel building, garages, grassland and scrub. Nearby woodland and wooded river corridor.

Documents submitted in support of the application detailed above:

1. Bat Survey: Brynhyfryd Chapel, Thomas Street, Treharris, CF46 5AA. Version, 1.0. Date, December 2022. Ecological Services Ltd.
2. Bat Friendly Working Methodology: Brynhyfryd Chapel, Treharris, Brynhyfryd Chapel. Version, 1.0. Date, December 2022. Ecological Services Ltd.
3. Block Plan Drawing No. SD481 02. Date received, 16/12/2022

Comments and questions

- o Despite the negative results from the bat survey work (Document 1), the recommendation to undertake the works under a method statement (Document 2) is entirely appropriate given the previous possible roost record and the possibility of hibernating bats.

NB ideally, works to sensitive areas (with ecological supervision) would be undertaken outside of any cold periods during the winter months in order to reduce the risk of disturbing bats that may be hibernating.

- o The bat features (x4 raised ridge tiles) and bird boxes (x4 swift boxes) detailed within Document 1 will be added to all relevant architects' plans and elevations for approval prior to determination.
- o Are the garages to the south of the Chapel to be removed/demolished as part of the scheme? If so, these will require a survey.
- o If there is any vegetation/habitat to be impacted, this will need to be assessed by a suitably qualified ecologist with mitigation, compensation and enhancement measures specified. NB the seed mix included within Document 3 is acceptable.
- o Is external lighting proposed? If so, further detail will be required that demonstrate compliance to the following guidelines:

<https://theilp.org.uk/publication/guidance-note-8-bats-and-artificial-lighting/>