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Newport City Council
Civic Centre
Newport
NP20 4UR

Dyddiad/Date: 15 July 2025

Annwyl Syr/Madam/Dear Sir/Madam,

BWRIAD/PROPOSAL: Proposed two storey side and rear extensions and single storey front extension and raising the ridge height of the dwelling by 450mm

LLEOLIAD/LOCATION: Silver Birch, Penhow, Caldicot, Newport, NP26 3AE

Thank you for consulting Cyfoeth Naturiol Cymru (CNC)/Natural Resources Wales (NRW) about the above, which we received on 17 June 2025.

We have no objection to the proposed development as submitted and provide the following advice.

European Protected Species

We note that the information submitted in support of the above application, Bat Survey, Ecological Serviced Ltd, dated June 2025, has identified that bats are present at the application site. From the information submitted, we consider that the proposed development represents a lower risk for bats, as defined in our guidance document '[Natural Resources Wales Approach to Bats and Planning \(2015\)](#)'.

Bats and their breeding and resting places are protected under the Conservation of Habitats and Species Regulations 2017 (as amended). Where bats are present and a development proposal is likely to contravene the legal protection they are afforded, the development may only proceed under licence issued by Natural Resources Wales, having satisfied the three tests set out in the Regulations (Please also refer to Paragraph 6.3.7 of Technical Advice Note 5: Nature Conservation and Planning). Please note, for the purposes of providing advice at the planning application stage, our comments are limited to the test relating to 'demonstration of no detriment to the maintenance of the favourable conservation status of European protected species'.

As this is a lower risk case for bats, we consider that the development is not likely to be detrimental to the maintenance of the population of the species concerned at a favourable conservation status in its natural range. We recommend that you discuss the need to secure any avoidance or mitigation measures with your internal ecological advisor.

We advise that the works are carried out under licence. We refer you to the Chief Planning Officer's letter dated 1 March 2018 which advises Local Planning Authorities to attach an informative regarding licence requirements to all consents and notices where European Protected Species are likely to be present on site.

Please note, any changes to plans between planning consent and the licence application may affect the outcome of a licence application.

Parc Seymour Woods Site of Special Scientific Interest (SSSI)

The Parc Seymour Woods SSSI is within 130 meters of the site.

We have considered the documents submitted in support of the above application. Based on the information submitted, we consider that the proposed development is not likely to damage the features for which Parc Seymour Woods SSSI is of special interest.

Modifications to the scheme as currently proposed may affect our view, and may merit a further consultation with us.

Further Advice

Pollution Prevention Guidance All works at the site must be carried out in accordance with Guidance for Pollution Prevention (GPP) 5: Works and maintenance in or near water, and GPP 6: Working on construction and demolition sites, which are available on the [NetRegs website](#).

Advice to the Applicant

Waste produced during the construction phase

Waste produced during the construction phase of your development must be dealt with appropriately and be in line with all relevant waste legislation including Duty of Care Regulations and Hazardous Waste Regulations. As part of your waste duty of care you must classify the waste produced:

- before it is collected, disposed of or recovered
- to identify the controls that apply to the movement of the waste
- to complete waste documents and records
- to identify suitably authorised waste management options
- to prevent harm to people and the environment.

Any waste removed from site will be subject to waste management controls. The links below provide information on how to classify waste and register as a waste carrier or hazardous waste producer: [Natural Resources Wales / Waste permitting](#)

Further guidance can be found on the GOV website here: [Dispose of business or commercial waste: Your responsibilities - GOV.UK](#)

Other Matters

The advice in this letter relates to matters which are included on our [consultation topics list](#). We do not rule out the potential for the proposed development to affect other environmental interests that are not included on this list.

We advise the applicant that, in addition to planning permission, it is their responsibility to ensure they secure all other permits/consents/licences relevant to their development. Please refer to our [website](#) for further details.

If you have any queries on the above, please do not hesitate to contact us.

Yn gywir / Yours faithfully,

Gemma James

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