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Subject: RE: 24/1037 - Tanglewood Tregarn Road

Hello Vicky, I have considered the Bat and Bird Scoping Survey report of this property dated January 2025, and in general I support the methodology and conclusions of that report.

The buildings were assessed as having negligible bat roost potential, and so no further surveys are advised. However, we can never totally rule out the presence of bats so we should attach out Bat Advisory Note as below, to advise the Applicant as what to do in the unlikely event that bats are found during works.

Sections 4.16 to 4.21 inclusive make a series of suggestions for biodiversity enhancement measures in the form of bat and bird boxes to be attached to the buildings. I support these proposals and advise that their implementation is secured by a biodiversity enhancement planning condition.

Matt

Bat Advisory Note

Bats often roost in houses and other buildings, and work on these buildings may disturb a bat roost. All bats and their roosts are protected against disturbance under UK and European legislation. If works are planned on a building in which bats are roosting, Natural Resources Wales (NRW) must be contacted for advice.

If work has already commenced and bats are found, or if any evidence that bats are using the site as a roost is found, work should cease and NRW should be contacted immediately.

Where there is a likelihood that bats are present, or where bats are found to be present, a suitably qualified and experienced ecological consultant should be contracted to provide an assessment of the impact of the proposed works, and undertake bat surveys if necessary.

Where bats or their roosts are present, no works of site clearance, demolition or construction should take place unless a licence to disturb these species and/or their roosts has been granted in accordance with the relevant legislation. Otherwise, a prosecution may result in a fine and/or imprisonment.

NRW can be contacted at:-

Natural Resources Wales, Tŷ Cambria, 29 Newport Road, Cardiff CF24 0TP, 0300 065 3000

Bat Conservation Trust can be contacted at:-

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