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Summary

Arcadis Consulting (UK) Limited was commissioned by Vale of Glamorgan Council to produce a Preliminary Ecological Appraisal (PEA) report for a proposed active travel route between Sully and Cosmeston ('the site'). The PEA report identifies any ecological constraints associated with the proposed development and informs the design process by outlining appropriate mitigation measures.

The site is located between Penarth and Barry and is situated within a range of habitats. The western section of the site includes two potential options. The southern option follows the footpath on the northern side of the B4267 and is located adjacent to amenity grassland, a species poor hedgerow, a hedgerow with trees and scattered trees. The northern option follows a disused railway line to the north of the B4267 which comprises semi natural broadleaved woodland and dense scrub. The central section of the site crosses the B4267 and is located along a narrow footpath and disused railway line within semi-natural broadleaved woodland. The central part of the site is adjacent to the Ty'r Orsaf Site of Importance for Nature Conservation (SINC) which contains a pond. The eastern section of the site is on a footpath with bare ground, semi-improved neutral grassland and tall ruderal habitat. The north-eastern section of the site is within the residential estate of Cosmeston Drive. Bridges are also located along the route. There are no statutory designated sites located within the site boundary and no statutory protected sites will be impacted by the proposed development, given the nature and scale of the development.

The widening of the footpaths located within the western (B4267 section) and north-eastern section (Cosmeston Drive) will impact small areas of amenity grassland and it is likely that over-hanging trees may require some management. The western section along the disused railway line, and the central and eastern sections of the proposed development will impact semi-natural broadleaved woodland, semi-improved neutral grassland, scrub and tall ruderal habitat. The central section is located within proximity of a SINC which may also be negatively impacted. The impact of the proposed development on the bridges is currently unknown.

Habitats within the survey area were considered suitable to support hazel dormouse; foraging, commuting and roosting bats; badger; nesting birds; reptiles; amphibians during their terrestrial phase, and hedgehog.

At this stage it is not known how much vegetation clearance would be required, but it is anticipated that it will be necessary to remove woodland, hedgerow, scrub, tall ruderal, grassland and trees and so it is recommended that:

- The county ecologist be contacted regarding the proximity of the proposed development to Ty'r Orsaf SINC. The SINC should be protected during the works to ensure that it is not negatively impacted.
- Habitat is retained where possible and replacement planting is provided to ensure there is no net loss of biodiversity.
- If any works are proposed within 15m of any of the site's trees, hedgerows or woodland, it is recommended that an arboricultural survey and impact assessment be undertaken to ensure that appropriate measures are put in place to safeguard retained trees and hedgerows in accordance with BS 5837: 2012.
- An eradication programme for Hollyberry Cotoneaster (*Cotoneaster bullatus*) should be implemented on site. Removal should be undertaken under a species-specific method statement and the resulting waste should be disposed of as controlled waste.
- Great crested newt surveys be undertaken on the waterbody located next to the site, located in woodland east of Fort Road in Ty'r Orsaf SINC.
- A hazel dormouse survey be undertaken of suitable habitat (hedgerow, woodland and scrub) to confirm the presence/absence of this species and inform the need for appropriate mitigation and potentially a licence.
- Once the extent of the vegetation and tree clearance is confirmed, all trees that will be impacted (felled/managed/located within proximity to new lighting installed) should undergo a ground-based bat tree assessment, the results of which will determine if further surveys are required (e.g., aerial inspection, presence/absence surveys).

- A badger survey is undertaken within the woodland and habitat within 30m of the woodland to determine if badgers or their setts are present to inform the need for appropriate mitigation and potentially a licence.
- Vegetation clearance should be undertaken outside of the nesting bird season (March to August (inclusive)). If vegetation clearance works are required within this period, then a suitably qualified ecologist should undertake a nesting bird check no more than 48 hours prior to the works being undertaken.
- A phased approach to vegetation clearance should be adopted in areas of habitat identified as suitable for reptiles and amphibians (during their terrestrial phase). This should be formalised by a method statement, additional measures to safeguard reptiles may need to be adopted dependent on the results of the survey of the woodland area.
- New habitats of value to nesting birds and bats should be created to replace that which is lost to the development.
- Reasonable avoidance measures should be in place to avoid harm to hedgehog such as ensuring that suitable refuges and potential hibernation sites (such as piles of vegetation and deadwood which are also suitable to support invertebrates such as beetles) are removed outside of the winter months.
- Additionally, during works, any incomplete excavations should be covered overnight, or a ramp provided to allow escape of any animals that may become trapped. Landscape planting proposals should include native planting to maximise its value to nature conservation and mitigate for the loss of semi-natural habitats.
- The future lighting proposals for the proposed development should be developed with an ecologist to minimise effects on nocturnal wildlife.

1 Introduction and Aims

1.1 Background

Arcadis Consulting (UK) Limited was commissioned by Vale of Glamorgan Council to produce a Preliminary Ecological Appraisal (PEA) report regarding a proposed active travel route (ATR) between Sully and Cosmeston near Penarth ('the site').

The PEA report identifies any ecological constraints associated with the proposed development and informs the design process by outlining appropriate mitigation measures.

1.2 Site Location

The site is located between Penarth and Barry with a central grid reference of ST 17533 68504. The site links Sully to Cosmeston Lakes via a disused railway and existing footpath along the B4267 road. The site boundary is shown below in Figure 1.



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Figure 1: Overview of proposed active travel route between Cosmeston and Sully

1.3 Scope of Works

The scope of this assessment includes the following:

- A desk study (within 2km of the site for protected species and designated sites, excepting Special Areas of Conservation (SACs) designated for bat interest, for which a search of up to 10km was undertaken).
- An extended Phase 1 habitat survey of the site to identify key habitats, assess their potential to support protected and/or notable species, and record any presence of non-native invasive species.
- An outline of measures and location for mitigation and possible ecological enhancement; and

• Associated habitat mapping.

1.4 Proposals

The proposals for the site are for a new ATR between Sully and Cosmeston. The western section of the site includes two potential options. One of the options follows the footpath on the northern side of the B4267. The second option follows a disused railway line to the north of the B4267. The central section of the site is along a footpath and old disused railway line off road. The eastern section is located predominately along a bare ground track through tall ruderal and grassland habitat. This section connects with the hardstanding of the residential street, Cosmeston Drive. The existing footpath and disused railway are likely to need widening and the proposals will lead to some vegetation clearance, but the extent of vegetation clearance is currently unknown. There may also be a requirement to incorporate lighting along the ATR.

2 Methodology

2.1 Desk Study

A desk study was undertaken in July 2022 to identify any existing ecological information relating to the site and its surroundings. The following resources/sources were used/consulted:

- The Multi-Agency Geographical Information for the Countryside (MAGIC) website (Ref 1) was used to search for statutory designated sites of nature conservation value within 2km of the site. The search buffer was extended to 10km for SACs designated for bats.
- South East Wales Biodiversity Records Centre (SEWBReC) was consulted for records of protected and notable species or species of conservation concern (from data collected in the last 10 years only) and Local Nature Conservation Sites within 2km of the site. The location of Ancient Woodlands was also provided.
- Habitats and species listed under Section 7 of the Environment (Wales) Act 2016 (Ref 2). These are Habitats of Principal Importance in Wales (HPIEs) and Species of Principal Importance in Wales (SPIEs).

2.2 Field Survey

An extended Phase 1 habitat survey was undertaken on 2 August 2022 by Arcadis Senior Ecologist Julie Player (MCIEEM) accompanied by Graduate Ecologist Dafydd James. The survey was undertaken during the daytime. Weather conditions were dry, sunny and windy. This survey covered the eastern and central sections of the site and the B4267 option to the west.

A second extended Phase 1 habitat survey was undertaken on 8 August 2023 by Arcadis Senior Ecologist Rebecca Howells accompanied by Consultant Ecologist Morgan Greedy. The survey was undertaken during the daytime. Weather conditions were variable, with sun, cloud and rain showers throughout the survey. This survey covered the disused railway option within the western section.

The surveys comprised a walkover survey to map habitats present within the site following the standard survey methodology (Ref 3). Dominant plant species were noted, as were any uncommon species or species indicative of particular habitat types. Botanical names follow New Flora of the British Isles (Ref 4) for higher plants.

The habitats on site were also assessed for their potential to support protected or notable species of plants and animals, and observation was made of any incidental signs of protected or notable species.

2.3 Limitations

The survey data and recommendations provided in this report are valid for two years from the date of survey.

Dense scrub present on site meant that the surveyors could not fully inspect a small section of approximately 100m of the site (highlighted in the yellow box on Figure 2). A full search for protected/invasive species could

not be completed in this area. In addition, no attempt was made to survey private gardens or adjacent arable fields/land as access had not been agreed.

The protected species assessment provides a preliminary view of the likelihood of protected species occurring within the site. This is based on the suitability of the habitat, known distribution of the species in the local area and any direct evidence within the survey area. It should not be taken as providing a full and definitive survey of any protected species group. It is only representative of the time the survey was carried out. Additional surveys may be recommended if, based on the preliminary assessment or during subsequent surveys, it is considered reasonably likely that protected species may be present.



Figure 2: Yellow box highlights section of the site unable to survey

3 Results

The results of the desk study and extended Phase 1 habitat survey are described below, with sites or features of particular nature conservation interest detailed as appropriate.

Supporting documents to be read in conjunction with the results and subsequent discussion are as follows.

- A summary of relevant legislation and policy presented in Appendix A.
- The Phase 1 habitat survey plan is presented on Drawing 10056562-ARC-AT-300-DR-E-00001, whilst the associated photographs can be seen in Figures 3 to 11. Appendix B details the designated nature conservation sites and the results of the local record centre data search.
- Target Notes are provided in Appendix C.

3.1 Statutory Designated Sites

There are nine statutory designated sites within 2km of the proposed development site, as listed in Table 1 below. There are no SACs designated for bats within 10km of the site.

Table 1: Statutory Designated Sites

Site Name	Reasons for Designation	Location in relation to the proposed development
Penarth Coast Site of Special Scientific Interest (SSSI)	This coastal section holds some species rich calcareous grassland and cliff-top scrub which supports a number of plant species of limited occurrence and distribution in the former counties of Mid and South Glamorgan, including Dyer's Greenweed (<i>Genista tinctoria</i>), Greater Butterfly Orchid (<i>Plantanthera chlorantha</i>), Bee Orchid (<i>Ophrys apifera</i>) and Adder's Tongue (<i>Ophioglossum vulgatum</i>). Lavernock Point is a well-known observation point for migratory birds.	210m south of site
Seven Estuary Special Area of Conservation (SAC)	This SAC supports Annex I habitats and Annex II species, the details of which are summarised below: <u>Annex I habitats:</u> 1130 estuaries, 1140 mudflats and sandflats, 1330 Atlantic salt meadows <u>Annex I habitats present as a qualifying feature, but not as a primary reason for site selection:</u> 1110 sandbanks which are slightly, 1170 reefs <u>Annex II species:</u> sea lamprey (<i>Petromyzon marinus</i>), river lamprey (<i>Lampetra faluviatilis</i>) and twaite shad (<i>Alosa fallax</i>)	230m east of site
Seven Estuary Special Protection Area (SPA)	The SPA holds national and international importance for breeding, feeding, wintering and migration of rare and vulnerable species of birds, such as: Bewick's Swan (<i>Cygnus Columbanus bewickii</i>) Greater white-fronted goose (<i>Answer albifrons</i>) Dunlin (<i>Calidris alpina</i>) Common redshank (<i>Tringa tetanus</i>) Common shelduck (<i>Tadorna tadorna</i>) Gadwall (<i>Anas strepera</i>)	230m east of site
Seven Estuary Ramsar Site / Wetland of International Importance	 The Seven Estuary is a designated Ramsar site as it supports: (a) Annex I habitats under Criterion 1 (b) Unusual estuarine communities under Criterion 3 (c) Rich assembly of fishes (over 110 species recorded) under Criteria 8 and also supports the run of migratory fish been sea and river via estuary, and also important for migratory birds during spring and autumn under Criterion 4 (d) Assemblages of international importance with species peak counts in winter under Criterion 5 	230m east of site

Site Name	Reasons for Designation	Location in relation to the proposed development
	 (e) Species / populations occurring at levels of international importance under Criterion 6 	
Seven Estuary Site of Special Scientific Interest (SSSI)	The SSSI is of international importance for wintering and passage wading birds, with total winter populations averaging about 44000 birds. The SSSI holds most of the estuary's internationally important curlew (<i>Numenius arquata</i>) and redshank (<i>Tringa tetanus</i>) populations, and most of its nationally important ringed plover (<i>Charadrius hiaticula</i>) and grey plover (<i>Pluvialis squatarola</i>) populations. The SSSI is internationally important for Dunlin (<i>Calidris aplina</i>) and supports about 7.5% of the British wintering population of this species.	230m east of site
	Seven species of migratory fish move through the estuary between the seas and rivers. These are particularly large numbers of Atlantic Salmon (<i>Salmo salar</i>) and Common Eel (<i>Anguilla Anguilla</i>). The other species are Allis Shad, the nationally rare Twaite Shad (<i>Alosa fallax</i>), the Sea Trout (<i>Salmo trutta</i>), Sea Lamprey (<i>Petromyzon marinus</i>) and the River Lamprey (<i>Lamptera fluviatilis</i>).	
Llynnoedd Cosmeston / Cosmeston Lakes Site of Special Scientific Interest (SSSI)	This site includes two lakes, created from flooded limestone quarries which are connected by a narrow channel. These are deep, eutrophic water bodies which support a range of submerged plants. The presence of starry stonewort (<i>Nitellopsis obtuse</i>) in one of the lakes is of special interest. This site also includes areas of swamp, ponds, grassland that form part of the water catchment area for the lake.	240m west of site
Sully Island Site of Special Scientific Interest (SSSI)	Sully Island provides the main roost site for waders feeding in winter in the Taff/Ely estuary. The roost holds up to 100% of the dunlin, grey plover and ringed plover of the Taff/Ely and over 50% of the redshank and knot. The Taff-Sully system also constitutes an important part of the wider Severn estuary which is an internationally important wintering area for redshank, knot and dunlin.	800m south of site
Cog Moors Site of Special Scientific Interest (SSSI)	This SSSI supports extensive areas of relatively unimproved species-rich grassland, which traditionally managed for hay. Grassland is characterised by Common Knapweed (<i>Centaurea nigra</i>), Crested Dog's-tail (<i>Cynosurus cristatus</i>), Common Bird's-foot-trefoil (<i>Lotus corniculatus</i>) and Meadow Vetchling (<i>Lathyrus pratensis</i>). Other distinctive species found at Cog Moors include Pepper Saxifrage (<i>Silaum silaus</i>) and Meadow Barley (<i>Hordeum secalinum</i>). Cog Moors also supports populations of several species which	1300m west of site
	are uncommon including Brown Sedge (<i>Carex disticha</i>), Adderstongue (<i>Ophioglossum vulgatum</i>) and Green-winged Orchid (<i>Orchis morio</i>).	

Site Name	Reasons for Designation	Location in relation to the proposed development
Hayes Point to Bendrick Rock Site of Special Scientific Interest (SSSI)	This is a key locality for the interpretation of Triassic lake and river environments. Fine-grained, lake-margin sediments occur here, interbedded with coarse-grained fluviatile (river) sediments, representing the marginal facies of the Triassic Mercian Mudstone Group of South Wales.	1400m west of site

3.2 Non-Statutory Designated Sites

There are ten non-statutory designated sites within 2km of the site, including nine Local Wildlife Sites/ Sites of Importance for Nature Conservation (SINCs) and one Wildlife Trust Reserve. Information pertaining to these sites is listed below, in Table 2.

Table 2: Non-Statutory Designated Sites

Site Name	Reasons for Designation	Location in relation to the proposed development
Ty-r-Orsaf SINC	An old railway line supporting scrub and rough grassland with areas of species-rich neutral and calcareous grassland, lowland meadows, lowland calcareous grassland and mosaic habitats.	Immediately adjacent south/south-east of the site
Cosmeston Lakes SINC	An extensive Country Park supporting a mosaic of habitats including species-rich calcareous grassland and neutral grassland, scrub, hedgerows, woodland, streams and ponds which all support a wide assemblage of species.	300m west of site
Lavernock Point East SINC	Meets SINC criteria for lowland meadows and calcareous grassland.	300m south of the site
Lavernock Point Wildlife Trust Reserve	Supports 120 species of birds and nine species of mammals.	300m south of the site
Downs Wood SINC	Neutral grassland community that meets SINC criteria for lowland meadows. It holds potential for reptile/ warblers. However, the area requires mowing.	420m north-west of the site
North of Cog Moors SINC	Ancient Semi-Natural Woodland.	1100m north of the site
Cogan Point SINC	Large pond supporting reedbed.	1200m north of the site
Cog Moors SINC	Presence of purple moor-grass and rush pasture. A botanical survey found this area also supports broad-leaved plantation woodland, scrub, species-rich semi- improved neutral grassland, marshy grassland and tall ruderal habitat.	1200m north of the site
North of North Road SINC	Site with large pond supporting large stands of reed bed, scrub and scattered trees.	1700m north-west of the site

Site Name	Reasons for Designation	Location in relation to the proposed development
Pop Hill SINC	Predominately ancient semi-natural broadleaved woodland.	1900m north of the site

3.3 Important Habitats

There are six ancient semi-natural woodland sites within 2km of the proposed development, the closest area is located at Cosmeston Lakes 300m from the site. There is also a Natural Resources Wales (NRW) Priority Area (Coastal Saltmarsh), and NRW Priority Area (Enclosed Farmland) within the 2km of the site. The closest area of enclosed farmland is located adjacent to the north of the disused railway line within the western section. The coastal saltmarsh priority habitat is located almost 1km south of the central section of the site.

3.4 Records of Protected and Notable Species

Desk study results for protected and notable species are discussed in Section 3.5.11 and Section 3.5.12 below.

3.5 Field Survey

3.5.1 Site description

The site supported species-poor hedgerow, hedgerow with trees and scattered trees adjacent to the hardstanding footpath along the north of the B4267 (western section of the site, southern option) and near Cosmeston Drive (north-eastern section of the site). The northern option within the western section follows a disused railway line to the north of the B4267 which supported semi-natural broadleaved woodland and dense scrub. The central area of the site supported amenity grassland, semi-natural broadleaved woodland with semi-improved neutral grassland, tall ruderal vegetation and amenity grassland within the eastern section of the site.

3.5.2 Semi Natural Broad-leaved Woodland

Small blocks of semi-natural broad-leaved woodland were recorded along the central section of the route (see Figures 3 – 6), with some new planting observed adjacent to the road. Canopy tree species consisted of Oak (*Quercus spp*), Sycamore (*Acer pseudoplatanus*), Ash (*Fraxinus excelsior*), Field Maple (*Acer campestre*), and Willow species (*Salix spp*). A footpath and disused railway line were located within the woodland creating woodland rides.

Understorey habitat within the woodland was dense in places. The dominant understorey species were Hazel (*Corylus avellana*) and Bramble (*Rubus fruticosus* agg.) with Hawthorn (*Crataegus monogyna*), Butterfly-bush (*Buddleja davidii*) and Dog Rose (*Rosa canina agg.*) also present.

Ground flora species recorded included Common Nettle (*Urtica dioica*), Wild Teasel (*Dipsacus fullonum*), Hogweed (*Heracleum sphondylium subsp. sphondylium*), Hedge Bindweed (*Calystegia sepium subsp. sepium*), Pendulous Sedge (*Carex pendula*), Yarrow (*Achillea millefolium*), Scarlett Pimpernel (*Anagallis arvensis subsp. arvensis*), Yorkshire-fog (*Holcus lanatus*), Cock's-foot (*Dactylis glomerata*), Herb-Robert (*Geranium robertianum*), Perforate St John's-wort (*Hypericum perforatum*), Cleavers (*Galium aparine*), Hairy-brome (*Bromopsis ramosa*), Ivy (*Hedera helix agg.*), Wood Avens (*Geum urbanum*), Hart's-tongue Fern (*Asplenium scolopendrium*) and Creeping Cinquefoil (*Potentilla reptans*).



Figure 3: Woodland located at the entrance off B4267 within the western section of the site



Figure 4: Broadleaved woodland with narrow footpath located at the centre of the site between the entrance at the B4267 and St Marys Well Bay Road



Figure 5: Woodland east of St Marys Well Bay Road



Figure 6: Woodland west of St Marys Well Bay Road

Within the western section of the site, along the disused railway line (northern option), there was also seminatural broad-leaved woodland. The canopy comprised predominantly Sycamore and Ash, with small numbers of Cherry Plum (*Prunus cerasifera*). The understorey contained Hawthorn, Blackthorn (*Prunus spinosa*), Butterfly-bush, with English Elm (*Ulmus procera*), Dog-rose and Holly (*Ilex aquifolium*) also recorded. There were also several garden escapees scattered throughout the understorey, including Franchet's Cotoneaster (*Cotoneaster franchetii*), Divaricate Cotoneaster (*Cotoneaster divaricatus*), Hollyberry Cotoneaster (*Cotoneaster bullatus*), Russian-vine (*Fallopia baldschuanica*) and Rose-of-Sharon (*Hypericum calycinum*). The dominant species in the ground flora / field layer was Ivy, with common Hart'stongue Fern and Bramble. Other species included Traveller's joy (*Clematis vitalba*), Lord's-and-Ladies (*Arum maculatum*), Creeping Cinquefoil, Cleavers, Herb-Robert, Bracken (*Pteridium aquilinum*), Male-fern

(*Dryopteris filix-mas*), Honeysuckle (*Lonicera periclymenum*), Hogweed, Mouse-ear-hawkweed (*Pilosella officinarum*) and Hemp-agrimony (*Eupatorium cannabinum*).

3.5.3 Scattered Broadleaved Trees

Broadleaved trees were located adjacent to the footpath alongside the northern side of the B4267 within the western area of the site and adjacent to amenity grassland near Cosmeston Drive, species recorded include Ash, Oak and Sycamore (see Figure 7 for an example).



Figure 7: Example of scattered trees adjacent to the B4267

3.5.4 Hedgerow

Species-poor hedgerow (see Figure 8) and a hedgerow with trees were located adjacent to the footpath along the B4267 along the western section of the site and the eastern section of the site near Cosmeston Drive. The hedgerow was Hawthorn-dominated with Bramble, Field Maple, Hazel and Ash were also present. Trees within the hedgerow included Sycamore, Ash and Hazel. Other species recorded include Lord's-and-Ladies, Traveller's-joy, Hedge Bindweed, and Sow-thistle (*Sonchus* spp.).



Figure 8: Species poor hedgerow along the B4267 with managed amenity grassland immediately adjacent to the footpath and the road.

3.5.5 Semi-Improved Neutral Grassland

Semi-improved neutral grassland (see Figure 9 below) was recorded adjacent to a bare ground pathway along the western section of the site. Tall ruderal habitat and dense scrub were located immediately adjacent to the grassland.

Species recorded include Cock's-foot, False Oat-grass (*Arrhenatherum elatius*), Perennial Rye-grass (*Lolium perenne*), Crested Dog's-tail (*Cynosurus cristatus*), Yorkshire-fog, Smaller Cat's-tail (*Phleum bertolonii*), Yarrow (*Achillea millefolium*), Oxeye Daisy (*Leucanthemum vulgare*) and White Clover (*Trifolium repens*).



Figure 9: Pathway along the eastern section of the site with grassland, tall ruderal and scrub habitat adjacent to it.

3.5.6 Tall Ruderal

Tall ruderal habitat (see Figure 10) was located adjacent to the semi-improved neutral grassland, within the woodland understorey and a large stand was recorded within the eastern section of the site adjacent to a bridge near Cosmeston Drive. The dense stand located near Cosmeston Drive, was dominated by Common Nettle, other tall ruderal habitat species recorded included Hemp-agrimony and Rosebay Willowherb (*Chamerion angustifolium*).



Figure 10: Large area of tall ruderal habitat located within the eastern area of the site near the Cosmeston Drive.

3.5.7 Scrub

Dense areas of scrub (see Figure 11) were located within areas of the woodland and adjacent to the pathway within the eastern area of the site. Species recorded include Bramble, Hawthorn and Blackthorn.



Figure 11: Dense areas of scrub within the eastern section of the site

There was also a small area of Bramble-dominated dense scrub on a bridge, with bare areas exposing track ballast, within the western section of the site. Creeping Cinquefoil, Herb-Robert, Common Toadflax (*Linaria vulgaris*) and Raspberry (*Rubus idaeus*) were recorded in this area.

3.5.8 Amenity Grassland

Regularly managed amenity grassland was located along the B4267 adjacent to the road and the footpath along the western section of the site (see Figures 7 and 8) and towards Cosmeston Drive along the eastern section of the site. Species recorded include Annual Meadow-grass (*Poa annua*), Perennial Rye-grass, Dandelion (*Taraxacum agg.*), Daisy (*Bellis perennis*), Bristly Oxtongue (*Helminthotheca echioides*) and Yarrow.

3.5.9 Other Habitat

Hardstanding footpaths, roads (see Figures 7 and 8) and bare ground paths (see Figure 9) were located along the north-eastern and western sections of the site. Bridges were located along the central and eastern section of the site.

3.5.10 Protected and Notable Species

A full range of protected species were considered at an initial stage in planning the current work. Some have been discounted on the grounds that there was no likelihood of their occurrence on site (for example, due to an absence of suitable habitat). Only those species with ranges within the geographical area of the site and where suitable habitats were present within or adjacent to the site are included below. Where confirmed presence was established or a likelihood of presence was anticipated, the relevant legislation is included in Appendix A.

3.5.10.1 Protected and Notable Plant Species

The desk study returned records of nine species of flowering plants. Key notable species include Divided Sedge (*Carex divisa*), Tubular Water Drop-wort (*Oenanthe fistulosa*), Marsh Stitchwort (*Stellaria palustris*), Shore Dock (*Rumex rupestris*) and Fragrant Orchid (*Gymnadenia conopsea*) The closest record was of Ley's Whitebeam (*Sorbus leyana*) 122m from the site in Cosmeston Cement Works. The habitats recorded within the site were not suitable to support any of these notable species.

3.5.10.2 Algae

The desk study returned records of one species of algae Wig Wrack or Sea-loch Egg Wrack (*Ascophyllum nodosum*) a Local Biodiversity Action Plan of the Vale of Glamorgan. This is a marine species and there were no suitable habitats within the survey boundary to support it.

3.5.10.3 Bryophyte

The desk study returned records for bryophytes in the locality, but there were no habitats suitable to support any rare or protected bryophyte species within the survey boundary.

3.5.11 Protected Fauna and/ or Species of Conservation Concern

3.5.11.1 Terrestrial Invertebrates

The desk study returned records of 30 terrestrial invertebrate species, these include a range of butterfly, moth, beetle and bee species.

The closest record is for a small blue (*Cupido minimus*) butterfly located just 8m from the site, suitable food sources for this species were recorded within the survey boundary (e.g Common Bird's-foot-trefoil). Other records include marsh fritillary (*Euphydryas aurinia*), latticed heath (*Chiasmia clathrata*), lackey (*Malacosoma neustria*), dingy skipper (*Erynnis tages*), two-toned reed beetle (*Donacia bicolora*) and moss carder bee (*Bombus muscorum*).

Deadwood within the woodland is suitable to support beetles amongst other invertebrate' species, although there was no suitable habitat located on site to support the two-toned reed beetle. The grassland and some understorey species (e.g., Butterfly-Bush) within the woodland are suitable to support a range of common butterfly species. Important food plants (e.g Devil's-bit Scabious) (*Succisa pratensis*)) for marsh fritillary were not recorded within the survey boundary. The semi-natural grassland located within the western section of the site is suitable to support a variety of bee species include species associated with the moss carder bee. The woodland on site is also suitable to support a range of moth species.

3.5.11.2 Amphibians

The desk study returned records of four species of amphibians namely common toad (*Bufo bufo*), common frog (*Rana temporaria*), great crested newt (*Triturus cristatus*) and palmate newt (*Lissotriton helveticus*). The closest record is for common toad located 274m from the site. Great crested newt was recorded 648m north of the site.

There were no waterbodies within the site boundary, therefore the site was not suitable for breeding amphibians. One waterbody suitable to support breeding amphibians was identified on Ordnance Survey mapping next to the site within woodland east of Fort Road in Ty-r-Orsaf SINC. Terrestrial habitats such as, woodland, hedgerows and tall ruderal vegetation were considered suitable for amphibian species during their terrestrial phases. These habitats provide cover from predation, foraging and potential hibernation sites.

3.5.11.3 Reptiles

Three reptile species were recorded as part of the desk study slow-worm (*Anguis fragilis*), common lizard (*Zootoca vivipara*) and grass snake (*Natrix helvetica*), the closest record being slow worm 260m from the site.

The site supports suitable habitats for all three common species recorded as part of the desk study. The woodland, tall ruderal and grassland can be utilised by reptile species for foraging, cover from predation and hibernation.

3.5.11.4 Birds

There were multiple records of notable bird species within 2km of the site, with the closest records being for dunnock (*Prunella modularis*), Eurasian skylark (*Alauda arvensis*), song thrush (*Turdus philomelos*), European herring gull (*Larus argentatus*), Eurasian bullfinch (*Pyrrhula pyrrhula*), common reed bunting (*Emberiza schoeniclus*), black-headed gull (*Chroicocephalus ridibundus*), kestrel (*Falco tinnunculus*), marsh tit (*Poecile palustris*), mistle thrush (*Turdus viscivorus*), linnet (*Linaria cannabina*), yellowhammer (*Emberiza citrinella*) and willow warbler (*Phylloscopus trochilus*) 80m from the site.

The hedgerow, scrub, woodland and trees present within the site were all suitable to support nesting birds. The site was considered unlikely to support any ground nesting birds due to the limited extent of suitable habitats.

3.5.11.5 Bats

The desk study returned records of eight species of bats – lesser horseshoe bat (*Rhinolophus hipposideros*), whiskered bat (*Myotis mystacinus*), common noctule (*Nyctalus noctula*), lesser noctule (*Nyctalus leisleri*), common pipistrelle (*Pipistrellus pipistrellus*), Nathusius's pipistrelle (*Pipistrellus nathusii*), soprano pipistrelle (*Pipistrellus pygmaeus*), and serotine (*Eptesicus serotinus*). The closest record was for a foraging pipistrelle bat located 139 m from the site, with the closest roost being 531m from the site for an unknown bat species.

Habitats located within the site suitable to support foraging and commuting bats include the hedgerow, scattered trees and woodland. Trees located within the woodland and hedgerow along the B4267 at the most western section of the site were of a suitable size and structure that they could support potential bat roosting features, but a ground level tree roost assessment was outside the scope of the survey.

All bridges on site appeared to be in good condition with some dense Ivy suitable to support small numbers/individual crevice dwelling roosting bats.

3.5.11.6 Hazel Dormouse

The desk study returned four records of the hazel dormouse (*Muscardinus avellanarius*). These records were from the Cosmeston Livery and Dinas Powys, with the closest record being 58m from the site which is connected to the site boundary via woodland and hedgerows.

The woodland, scrub and hedgerow on site were suitable to support foraging and nesting dormouse, the woodland contained a range of suitable food species including Hazel, Oak and Bramble.

3.5.11.7 Water voles

The desk study returned ten records of the water vole (*Arvicola amphibius*); the closest record was 263m from the site. There were no suitable habitats for water vole within the site.

3.5.11.8 Otters

The desk study returned no records for otter (*Lutra lutra*) within 2km of the site and there were no suitable habitats within the site suitable to support otter. There were no watercourses suitable to support otter within proximity to the site, it is therefore unlikely that they would transverse the otter or use it as a laying up area.

3.5.11.9 Badgers

The desk study returned no records of badger (*Meles meles*) within 2km of the site. The woodland located within the site was suitable to support badgers and their setts. Adjacent fields were also suitable to support foraging badger along the site. Mammal paths were noted within the woodland, and under fences during the survey, but these could not be confirmed as badger paths. Results of a badger survey undertaken within the site have been included within a separate protected species report (Ref 5).

3.5.11.10 Other mammals

The desk study returned records for the west European hedgehog (*Erinaceus europaeus*), The scrub and woodland habitat is suitable to support nesting and foraging hedgehog.

3.5.12 Invasive Species

The desk study recorded several invasive species present. These include Harpoon Weed (*Asparagopsis armata*), Three-cornered Garlic (*Allium triquetrum*), Japanese Knotweed (*Fallopia japonica*), Himalayan Cotoneaster (*Cotoneaster simonsii*), Small-leaved Cotoneaster (*Cotoneaster microphyllus*), Indian Balsam (*Impatiens glandulifera*), Montbretia (*Crocosmia aurea*), Wall Cotoneaster (*Cotoneaster horizontalis*), Western conifer seed bug (*Leptoglossus occidentalis*) and Zebra Mussel (*Dreissena polymorpha*).

The habitat on site is not suitable to support some of the invasive species mentioned above namely Harpoon Weed, and Zebra Mussel. Hollyberry Cotoneaster, a species included in Schedule 9 of the Wildlife and Countryside Act 1981 (as amended) (Ref 6) was recorded during the survey (TN1).

4 Discussion

4.1 **Potential Ecological Constraints**

4.1.1 Ecological Features Scoped Out

The following ecological features have been scoped out as not requiring further consideration with regard to the proposed development on site (no likely significant effects are anticipated).

- Statutory Designated Sites: All works will be localised affecting the site and the immediate adjacent habitats. These sites are considered to be sufficiently distant from the site, with no impact pathways identified so they will not be impacted by the proposed development.
- Non-Statutory Designated Sites: Most of these sites are sufficiently distanced from the site with no impact pathways identified and so they will not be impacted by the proposed development.
- Invertebrates: The site offered a range of habitats within its boundaries suitable to support invertebrates, but the clearance of vegetation will be localised with larger areas of similar habitat within the wider area. There will be no significant impacts on invertebrates.
- Protected and Notable Plant Species: The woodland and grassland within the site were suitable to support protected/notable species, but the clearance of vegetation will be localised with large areas of similar habitat located within the wider area. There will be no significant impacts on the species recorded as part of the desk study.
- Protected and Notable Plants, Bryophytes and Algae, Water Vole, Otter: There were no habitats within the site suitable to support these species. No significant impacts are predicted.

4.1.2 Ecological Features Scoped In

The following ecological features have been scoped in as needing further consideration with regard to the proposed development (potential for significant effects).

- Non-Statutory Designated Site: Ty-r-Orsaf SINC is adjacent to the site and could potentially be impacted by the proposed development.
- Habitats: The proposed development is likely to lead to the loss of semi-natural habitats located within the site.
- Invasive species: Hollyberry Cotoneaster was recorded within the site.
- Hazel dormouse: Hazel dormouse were recorded as part of the desk study, with a record 58m from the site located in connected habitat. In the absence mitigation, if dormouse are present, they are likely to be negatively impacted during construction due to loss of habitat and post development (through disturbance and lighting along the route).
- Great crested newt: Great crested newt was recorded as part of the desk study. No waterbodies suitable to support breeding amphibians were recorded during the survey, but a waterbody was recorded as part of the desk study next to the site. Great crested newt surveys are required for the waterbody located in woodland east of Fort Road to ascertain whether or not great crested newt would be affected by the proposed development.
- Reptiles: Reptiles and common amphibian species were recorded as part of the desk study within 2km of the site. Habitats within the site were not suitable to support breeding amphibians, but the site contained habitats suitable to support reptiles and amphibians during their terrestrial phase. In the absence mitigation, if reptiles or amphibians are present, they may be negatively impacted through killing/injury during vegetation clearance.
- Birds: The woodland, hedgerows, scattered trees and scrub on site were likely to support nesting birds. The nesting bird season for most UK species runs from March to August (inclusive). If vegetation clearance is undertaken on site during this period in the absence of mitigation, there will be potential for

negative impacts on nesting bird species. Development on site is also likely to lead to the loss of bird nesting habitat.

- Bats: There were multiple records for bat species within 2km of the site. Scattered trees, trees within the hedgerow and woodland may have bat roosting potential. In the absence of mitigation if bats are present, they would be negatively impacted by the proposed development through the loss of roosting sites and increased lighting along the route.
- Badgers: No records of badger were returned as part of the desk study, but the woodland and adjacent fields were suitable to support foraging badger and may contain badger setts. In the absence mitigation if badger are present, they may be negatively impacted by the proposed development through the loss of badger setts, foraging habitat and disturbance (during vegetation clearance and once the proposed development is operational).
- Hedgehog: The dense scrub/woodland and edge habitats were considered suitable for foraging and nesting hedgehog and the presence of this species on site was considered to be likely. In the absence of mitigation site clearance/construction works will have potential for negative impact on this species.

5 Recommendations for Further Surveys, Mitigation and Possible Enhancement

5.1 Further Surveys

5.1.1 Woodland, Scattered Trees and Hedgerow

If works are proposed within 15m of the site's trees, hedgerows or woodland, it is recommended that an arboricultural survey and impact assessment be undertaken to ensure that appropriate measures are put in place to safeguard retained trees and hedgerows in accordance with BS 5837: 2012 (Ref 7).

5.1.2 Great Crested Newt

Great crested newt surveys are required on the waterbody located next to the site, located in woodland east of Fort Road. eDNA surveys must be completed between mid-April and the end of June. If great crested newts are confirmed to be present within the pond a licence may be required for the potential injury/disturbance to great crested newt during vegetation clearance and dependent on the amount of habitat removed the licence may also need to cover the loss of terrestrial habitat. Appropriate mitigation would need to be provided as part of any licence application.

5.1.3 Hazel Dormouse

Dependent on the amount of habitat to be removed a dormouse presence/absence survey would be required in the woodland, scrub and hedgerow within the site to determine if they are present. Nest tubes should be installed in suitable dormouse habitat and checked once a month between April and November. If dormouse is confirmed to be present a licence will likely be required from NRW before vegetation clearance can commence and compensatory planting will be required (typically twice as much habitat would need to be planted to replace that which is lost). The method statement that would be required as part of the licence would specify when vegetation clearance can take place to avoid disturbance to breeding and hibernating dormouse.

5.1.4 Bats

Once the extent of the vegetation clearance has been confirmed all trees that will be impacted as part of the proposed development (to be felled/managed or located within proximity to new lighting along the route) should undergo a ground level tree roost assessment to determine their suitability to support roosting bats. In turn, further surveys (aerial inspection, bat presence/absence surveys) may be required to confirm the presence/absence of bats. If roosting bats are found to be present, a bat licence will be required from NRW before vegetation clearance can commence with mitigation and compensation for the loss of bat roosts required. Ground based bat tree assessments can be undertaken at any time of the year.

It is unclear if the bridges within the site will be directly impacted as part of the proposed development. Once the extent of the works on the bridges is confirmed a decision can be made as to whether further inspection/surveys will be required in relation to bats.

5.1.5 Badger

A badger survey is required within the woodland and within habitat located within 30m of the woodland to determine if badgers or their setts are present. This survey can be undertaken at any time of the year but is best undertaken in the winter months when the vegetation is less vigorous and likely to obscure setts. If a badger sett is confirmed to be present, and it is considered that the sett will be impacted, a badger licence may be required from NRW before works can commence.

5.2 Recommended Mitigation

5.2.1 Habitats

The proposed development should seek to minimise the loss of habitats. Once the extent of the required vegetation is confirmed a replacement planting plan should be produced to ensure there is no net loss to biodiversity.

5.2.2 Invasive Species

The invasive non-native species Hollyberry Cotoneaster was recorded within the site. This species is listed on Schedule 9 of the Wildlife and Countryside Act 1981 (as amended) (HMSO, 1981). This legislation makes it an offence to *"plant or otherwise cause such species to grow"* in the wild. This includes spreading of the species or transferring polluted ground material from one area to another.

An eradication programme for this species should be implemented on site. Removal should be undertaken under a species-specific method statement and the resulting waste should be disposed of as controlled waste.

5.2.3 Reptiles and Amphibians

The woodland, scrub, tall ruderal and grassland have the potential to support reptiles and amphibians (during their terrestrial phase). As there are likely to be small areas of habitat loss and there is ample of suitable habitat adjacent, these areas can be cleared using phased strimming to encourage reptiles and amphibians to move into the areas of retained habitat. As described below:

- Phase 1: The vegetation should be strimmed down to 150mm using hand tools only (i.e., brushcutter/strimmer) with the arisings raked and removed from the works footprint. Suitable refuges (e.g., rubble piles, logs) should be dismantled by hand and removed from the works area). Vegetation clearance should begin at the edge of the works furthest away from areas of suitable reptile habitat and move systematically towards the area's most suitable for reptiles. The disturbance and vibration will encourage reptiles to move out of the working corridor of their own accord. At this point the cleared area can either be left undisturbed for at least 24 hours or the ecologist on site can undertake an inspection to check for the presence of amphibians and reptiles.
- Phase 2: Following an inspection or at least 24 hours, vegetation should be strimmed to ground level (using hand tools only). The arisings from this must be raked off and removed from the works footprint.

5.2.4 Birds

The woodland, hedgerow, scrub and trees on site were considered likely to support nesting bird species during the breeding season. All bird species are protected from harm whilst nesting, with the main breeding season for most UK species from March to August (inclusive), it is recommended that all vegetation clearance works be undertaken outside of this period where possible.

If vegetation clearance works are required within the main nesting season, then a nesting bird check should be undertaken by a suitably qualified ecologist no more than 48 hours prior to the works being undertaken. If

an active nest is found during the check, an exclusion cordon should be put in place around the nest, and it must remain in situ until the chicks within the nest have fledged. A Method Statement would be required for clearance of vegetation within the main nesting season. Habitat suitable for nesting birds should be incorporated into the landscape proposals for the site to minimise the effects of habitat loss on nesting birds.

5.2.5 Badger

Whether or not further surveys reveal the presence of active setts in the vicinity of the site as a precaution any excavations should be covered at night, or a soil ramp or wooden plank installed to ensure that nocturnal animals can escape. Any animal burrows used by species other than badger directly affected by the proposed development would need to be checked to ensure any animals have dispersed. If a badger sett is discovered in the dense vegetation works should stop immediately and advice sought from the site ecologist.

5.2.6 Hedgehog

The woodland grassland and scrub on site were considered to be suitable for foraging and nesting hedgehog. Reasonable avoidance measures should be put in place to avoid harm to hedgehog, such as ensuring that suitable refuges and potential hibernation sites (such as piles of vegetation and deadwood) are removed outside of the winter months. Additionally, during works, any incomplete excavations should be covered overnight, or a ramp provided to allow escape of any animals that may become trapped. This approach should be captured in a Method Statement. The landscape planting for the scheme should include the creation of habitats suitable for foraging hedgehog and provide for their movement across the site.

5.3 Possible Enhancements

5.3.1 Habitat Creation

Development on this site may lead to the loss of green infrastructure, it is therefore recommended that an ecologist contributes to the evolution of the development and landscaping design (if required) to minimise biodiversity loss and to advise upon the provision of appropriate green infrastructure. The ecologist should ensure that wildlife corridors are maintained and created and that any new planting is designed to be beneficial to wildlife.

Measures to be considered within the design include the incorporation of bird and bat boxes, sensitive lighting strategy, tree replacement and new tree planting where feasible.

5.3.2 Bat Boxes

Bat boxes should be installed within the retained trees on site. This would provide enhancement/replacement for the loss of potential roost features within woodland trees, which would potentially be removed. The bat boxes that are suitable are detailed below, but other makes of boxes would also be suitable:

- Schwegler 2F Bat Box or similar woodcrete boxes that are suitable for small species such as pipistrelle.
- Schwegler 2FN Bat Box or similar woodcrete boxes that are suitable for larger bat species and small species, the box has two entrances.

Woodcrete boxes have been recommended as they are constructed from a material which is long lasting, and the design of the boxes means they require no maintenance; however, other materials do have similar thermal properties and could be considered. Care should be taken to avoid using boxes that are not long lasting or require cleaning. All boxes require annual inspections to ensure they remain in situ and are fit for purpose.

5.3.3 Bird Boxes

It is recommended that bird boxes be installed within the woodland trees on site. This will provide additional nesting opportunities and mitigate for the loss of natural nesting habitats. The bird boxes that are recommended are detailed below:

• Schwegler 1B Bird Box or similar woodcrete boxes that are suitable for small species of bird.

5.3.4 Habitat Piles

Habitat piles should be created in safe locations adjacent to the site using materials cleared from the site. This will provide suitable habitat for reptiles, hedgehog and a range of invertebrate species.

6 Conclusions

The site is located between Penarth and Barry and is situated within a range of habitats. The western section of the site follows the footpath on the northern side of the B4267 and is located adjacent to amenity grassland, a species-poor hedgerow, hedgerow with trees and scattered trees. The central section of the site crosses the B4267 and is located along a narrow footpath and disused railway line within semi-natural broadleaved woodland. The central part of the site is adjacent to the Ty'r Orsaf SINC which contains a pond. The eastern section of the site is on a footpath with bare ground, semi-improved neutral grassland and tall ruderal habitat. The north-eastern section of the site is within the residential estate of Cosmeston Drive. Bridges are also located along the route. There are no statutory designated sites for nature conservation located within close proximity to the site boundary and will not be impacted as part of the proposed development.

The widening of the footpaths located within the western (B4267 section) and north-eastern section (Cosmeston Drive) will impact small areas of amenity grassland and it is likely that some over-hanging trees may require some management. The central and eastern section of the proposed development will impact semi-natural broadleaved woodland, semi-improved neutral grassland, scrub and tall ruderal habitat and is located within proximity of a SINC which may be negatively impacted. The impact of the proposed development on the bridges is currently unknown.

Habitats within the survey area were considered suitable to support hazel dormouse, foraging, commuting and roosting bats, badgers, nesting birds, reptiles, amphibians during their terrestrial phase, and hedgehog.

At this stage it is not known how much vegetation clearance would be required, but it is anticipated that it will be necessary to remove woodland, scrub, tall ruderal, grassland and trees and so it is recommended that:

- The county ecologist be contacted regarding the proximity of the proposed development to Ty-r-Orsaf SINC. The SINC should be protected during the works to ensure that it is not negatively impacted.
- Habitat is retained where possible and that replacement planting is provided to ensure there is no net loss
 of biodiversity.
- An eradication programme for Hollyberry Cotoneaster should be implemented on site. Removal should be undertaken under a species-specific method statement and the resulting waste should be disposed of as controlled waste.
- Great crested newt surveys be undertaken on the waterbody located next to the site, in woodland east of Fort Road and Ty-r-Orsaf SINC.
- A hazel dormouse survey be undertaken of suitable habitat (hedgerow, woodland and scrub) to confirm the presence/absence of this species and inform the need for appropriate mitigation and potentially a licence.
- Once the extent of the vegetation and tree clearance is confirmed, all trees that will be impacted (felled/managed/located within proximity to new lighting installed) should undergo a ground-based bat tree assessment, the results of which will determine if further surveys are required (e.g., aerial inspection, presence/absence surveys).
- A badger survey is undertaken within the woodland and habitat within 30m of the woodland to determine if badgers or their setts are present to inform the need for appropriate mitigation and potentially a licence.
- If any works are proposed within 15m of any of the site's trees, hedgerows or woodland, it is recommended that an arboricultural survey and impact assessment be undertaken to ensure that appropriate measures are put in place to safeguard retained trees and hedgerows in accordance with BS 5837: 2012.
- Vegetation clearance should be undertaken outside of the nesting bird season (March to August (inclusive)). If vegetation clearance works are required within this period, then a nesting bird check should

be undertaken by a suitably qualified ecologist no more than 48 hours prior to the works being undertaken.

- A phased approach to vegetation clearance should be adopted in areas of habitat identified as suitable for reptiles and amphibians (during their terrestrial phase). This should be formalised by a method statement, additional measures to safeguard reptiles may need to be adopted dependent on the results of the survey of the woodland area.
- New habitats of value to nesting birds and bats should be created to replace that which is lost to the development.
- Reasonable avoidance measures should be put in place to avoid harm to hedgehog such as ensuring that suitable refuges and potential hibernation sites (such as piles of vegetation and deadwood which are also suitable to support invertebrates such as beetles) are removed outside of the winter months.
- Additionally, during works, any incomplete excavations should be covered overnight, or a ramp provided to allow escape of any animals that may become trapped.
- Landscape planting proposals should include native planting to maximise its value to nature conservation and mitigate for the loss of semi-natural habitats.
- The future lighting proposals for the proposed development should be developed with an ecologist to minimise effects on nocturnal wildlife.

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Appendix A Legislation and Policy

Ecological constraint	Rationale
European Decignated sites (Special Areas of	Under the Conservation of Habitats and Species Regulations 2017, as amended (Ref 8), an assessment is required where a plan or project may give rise to significant effects upon 'European Sites' including SACs, SPAs, and Ramsar sites. The process of assessing the implications of development on European Sites is known as Habitats Regulations Assessment (HRA).
Conservation, Special Protection Areas and Ramsar Sites)	identifies the likely impacts upon a European Site of a project or plan, either alone or in combination with other projects or plans and considers whether these impacts may be significant.
	Natural Resources Wales must be consulted in relation to the outcome of Screening. Unless the likelihood of a significant effect can be ruled out on the basis of objective information, then an Appropriate Assessment must be undertaken (this is the next stage of the HRA).
Nationally Designated Sites (Sites of Special Scientific Interest)	It is a legal requirement to apply for 'assent' from Natural Resources Wales for any works which could potentially damage the flora, fauna or features for which a SSSI is designated (under the Wildlife and Countryside Act (1981) (as amended) (Ref 6)).
Non-native invasive Plants (Rhododendron, Giant Hogweed, Japanese Knotweed, certain species of Cotoneaster, Variegated Yellow Archangel, Canadian Waterweed, Japanese Rose, Monbretia, New Zealand Pigmyweed, Virginia Creeper, Water-fern etc.)	It is an offence under Section 14 of Wildlife and Countryside Act 1981 (as amended) (Ref 6) to cause plants listed in Schedule 9 of this act to grow in the wild. Material contaminated with these species is classified as controlled waste under the Environmental Protection Act 1990 and should therefore be disposed of in an appropriately licensed landfill site.
European protected species (great crested newts, natterjack toad, sand lizard, smooth snake, bats, dormice, otters)	It is an offence under the Conservation of Habitats and Species Regulations 2017, (Ref 8) to deliberately kill or injure a European protected species, to destroy breeding/ resting sites, or to deliberately disturb these species and affect their ability to survive, rear young, breed or hibernate.
Nationally protected species- those listed in Schedule 5 of the Wildlife and Countryside Act 1981 (as amended) (Allis shade, twaite shad, great crested newt, natterjack toad, bats, dormice, otter)	It is an offence under the Wildlife and Countryside Act 1981, as amended (Ref 6) to intentionally or recklessly disturb a species listed on Schedule 5 whilst it is in a place of shelter, or to obstruct access to a place of shelter.
Reptiles	It is an offence under the Wildlife and Countryside Act 1981 (as amended) (Ref 6) to kill or injure common species of reptiles.
Nationally protected bird species- those listed under Schedule 1 of the Wildlife of the Wildlife and Countryside Act 1981 (as amended) (barn owl, peregrine falcon, red kite, kingfisher, firecrest etc.)	All nesting birds are protected whilst nesting as identified below. However, for those listed under Schedule 1 of the Wildlife and Countryside Act 1981, as amended (Ref 6) it is also an offence to intentionally or recklessly disturb these birds at, on or near an active nest.

Ecological constraint	Rationale
Nesting birds	It is an offence under the Wildlife and Countryside Act 1981 (as amended) (Ref 6) to damage or destroy a bird's nest whilst it is in use, and to kill or injure a bird or destroy an egg.
Badger	It is an offence under the Protection of Badgers Act (1992) (Ref 9) to damage or destroy a badger sett; obstruct any entrance of a badger sett; and disturb a badger whilst it is occupying a badger sett.

Appendix B Local Record Centre Data

Common Name	Scientific Name	Legislation
Algae		
Harpoon Weed	Asparagopsis armata	LBAP (VoG)
Wig Wrack/ Sea-loch Egg Wrack	Ascophyllum nodosum	INNS
Bryophyte		
Small-bud Bryum	Bryum gemmiferum	RDB1 (Wales) - LC, LI(BIS), LI(VC45, LR), LI(VC46, LR), LI(VC48, LR), LI(WWBIC)
Heath Star Moss	Campylopus introflexus	INNS
Common Feather-moss	Kindbergia praelonga	RDB1 (Wales) - LC, LBAP (CON)
Marble Screw-moss	Syntrichia papillosa	RDB1 (Wales) - LC, LBAP (CON, FLI)
Showy Feather-moss	Oxyrrhynchium speciosum	RDB1 (Wales) - LC, LI(VC42, EX), LI(VC43, LR), LI(VC44, LR), LI(VC48, EX), LI(VC49, LR), LI(WWBIC)
Nicholson's Beard Moss	Didymodon nicholsonii	RDB1 (Wales) - LC, LI(BIS)
Awl-leaved Earth-moss	Pleuridium subulatum	RDB1 (Wales) - LC, LBAP (CON)
Strap-leaved Earth-moss	Ephemerum recurvifolium	RDB1 (Wales) - VU, LI(VC45, LR), LI(VC49, LR), LI(WWBIC)
Golden Thread-moss	Leptobryum pyriforme	RDB1 (Wales) - LC, LI(VC35, LS), LI(VC45, LR), LI(WWBIC)
Dwarf Feather-moss	Oxyrrhynchium pumilum	RDB1 (Wales) - LC, LI(VC43, LR)
Great Plait-moss	Hypnum cupressiforme	RDB1 (Wales) - LC, LI(VC45, LR), LI(WWBIC)
Pteridophyte		
Maidenhair Fern	Adiantum capillus-veneris	RDB2 (UK) - S, LBAP (VOG), LI(SEWBReC)
Fungi		
Persistent Waxcap	Hygrocybe acutoconica	LBAP (CDF, DEN, GWY)
Flowering plant		
Dwarf Thistle	Cirsium acaule	LBAP (DEN, FLI), LI(SEWBReC), LI(VC47), LI(VC50, LR), LI(VC51, LR)

Common Name	Scientific Name	Legislation
Rigid Hornwort	Ceratophyllum demersum	LBAP (BRG, CON), LI(SEWBReC), LI(VC49, LR), LI(VC50, LR), LI(VC51, LR), LI(VC52, LS)
Bird Cherry	Prunus padus	LBAP (GWY), LI(SEWBReC), LI(VC47), LI(VC49, LS)
Wayfaring-tree	Viburnum lantana	LI(SEWBReC), LI(VC51, LS)
Bee Orchid	Ophrys apifera	CITES, LBAP (CLY, GWY, TRA, TRF), LI(SEWBReC), LI(VC47), LI(VC48, LR), LI(VC49, LS)
Japanese Knotweed	Fallopia japonica	WCA9, INNS
Meadow Barley	Hordeum secalinum	LBAP (GWY), LI(SEWBReC), LI(VC43), LI(VC49, LS)
Pale Flax	Linum bienne	LBAP (BRG), LI(SEWBReC), LI(VC49, LR), LI(VC50, LR), LI(VC51, LS), LI(VC52, LS)
Autumn Lady's-tresses	Spiranthes spiralis	RDB1 (UK) - NT, LBAP (CON, GWY, TRA), LI(SEWBReC), LI(VC47), LI(VC48, LS), LI(VC49, LS), LI(VC50, LR), LI(VC51, LS), LI(VC52, LS)
Yellow-wort	Blackstonia perfoliata	LBAP (GWY), LI(SEWBReC), LI(VC47), LI(VC48, LR), LI(VC49, LS), LI(VC52, LS)
Hairy Violet	Viola hirta	LI(SEWBReC), LI(VC43), LI(VC47), LI(VC49, LS), LI(VC50, LS), LI(VC52, LS)
Pyramidal Orchid	Anacamptis pyramidalis	LBAP (BRG, CLY, TRA), LI(SEWBReC), LI(VC47), LI(VC48, LS)
Wild Madder	Rubia peregrina	LBAP (CON), LI(SEWBReC), LI(VC48, LR), LI(VC50, LS), LI(VC51, LR), LI(VC52, LS)
Pepper-saxifrage	Silaum silaus	LI(SEWBReC), LI(VC47), LI(VC50, LS)
Woolly Thistle	Cirsium eriophorum	LBAP (BRG), LI(SEWBReC), LI(VC43)
Dwarf Spurge	Euphorbia exigua	RDB1 (Wales) - NT, RDB1 (UK) - NT, LI(SEWBReC), LI(VC49, LR), LI(VC50, LR), LI(VC51, LS), LI(VC52, LR)
Service-tree	Sorbus domestica	RDB1 (Wales) - EN, RDB1 (UK) - CR, RDB2 (UK) - R, LBAP (VOG)
White Water-lily	Nymphaea alba	LBAP (GWY), LI(SEWBReC), LI(VC49, LS)
Stinking Iris	Iris foetidissima	LI(SEWBReC), LI(VC51, LS)
Hairy St John's-wort	Hypericum hirsutum	LI(SEWBReC), LI(VC48, LR), LI(VC49, LR)

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Spurge-laurel	Daphne laureola	LBAP (GWY), LI(SEWBReC), LI(VC47), LI(VC49, LS), LI(VC52, LS)
Butterfly-bush	Buddleja davidii	INNS
Greater Periwinkle	Vinca major	INNS
Spotted Medick	Medicago arabica	LBAP (GWY), LI(SEWBReC), LI(VC49, LS), LI(VC50, LR), LI(VC51, LR), LI(VC52, LR)
Bluebell	Hyacinthoides non-scripta	INNS
Cherry Laurel	Prunus laurocerasus	INNS
Ivy Broomrape	Orobanche hederae	LBAP (ANG, CON), LI(SEWBReC), LI(VC48, LR), LI(VC50, LS), LI(VC52, LS)
Greater Butterfly-orchid	Platanthera chlorantha	RDB1 (UK) - NT, LBAP (GWY, MON, TRA), LI(SEWBReC), LI(VC43), LI(VC49, LS), LI(VC50, LS), LI(VC51, LS), LI(VC52, LR)
Butcher's-broom	Ruscus aculeatus	HDir, RDB1 (Wales) - VU, LI(SEWBReC)
Greater Knapweed	Centaurea scabiosa	LI(SEWBReC), LI(VC47), LI(VC48, LR), LI(VC49, LR), LI(VC50, LS)
Small Leaved Elm	Ulmus minor	LI(SEWBReC)
Yellow Horned-poppy	Glaucium flavum	LBAP (BRG), LI(SEWBReC), LI(VC48, LS), LI(VC50, LR), LI(VC51, LR), LI(VC52, LS)
Lesser Celandine	Ficaria verna var. bulbifer	LI(VC49, LS), LI(VC52, LS)
Black Horehound	Ballota nigra	LI(SEWBReC)
Charlock	Sinapis arvensis	RDB1 (Wales) - VU
Smooth Brome	Bromus racemosus	LBAP (GWY), LI(SEWBReC), LI(VC49, LR), LI(VC50, LR), LI(VC51, LR), LI(VC52, LR)
Upright Brome	Bromopsis erecta	LBAP (BGW, CON), LI(SEWBReC), LI(VC43), LI(VC47), LI(VC49, LR), LI(VC50, LS), LI(VC51, LS), LI(VC52, LR)
Common Rock-rose	Helianthemum nummularium	LBAP (GWY), LI(SEWBReC), LI(VC43), LI(VC47), LI(VC48, LR), LI(VC49, LS)
Hoary Plantain	Plantago media	LI(SEWBReC), LI(VC43), LI(VC48, LR), LI(VC49, LR), LI(VC50, LS), LI(VC52, LR)

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Black Poplar	Populus nigra subsp. betulifolia	LBAP (CON, DEN, FLI, SNP, TRA, WRE), LI(SEWBReC), LI(VC43), LI(VC48, LS), LI(VC50, LS), LI(VC52, LR)
Himalayan Cotoneaster	Cotoneaster simonsii	WCA9, INNS
Small-leaved Cotoneaster	Cotoneaster microphyllus	WCA9, INNS
Indian Balsam	Impatiens glandulifera	WCA9, INNS
Knotted Hedge-parsley	Torilis nodosa	LI(SEWBReC), LI(VC47), LI(VC49, LS), LI(VC50, LR), LI(VC51, LR), LI(VC52, LS)
Autumn Lady's-tresses	Spiranthes spiralis	RDB1 (UK) - NT, LBAP (CON, GWY, TRA), LI(SEWBReC), LI(VC47), LI(VC48, LS), LI(VC49, LS), LI(VC50, LR), LI(VC51, LS), LI(VC52, LS)
Broad-leaved Everlasting-pea	Lathyrus latifolius	INNS
Montbretia	Crocosmia	WCA9, INNS
Wall Cotoneaster	Cotoneaster horizontalis	WCA9, INNS
Himalayan Honeysuckle	Leycesteria formosa	INNS
Three-cornered Garlic	Allium triquetrum	WCA9, INNS
Invasive Non-Native Specie	€S	
Wig Wrack/ Sea-loch Egg Wrack	Ascophyllum nodosum	INNS
Western Conifer Seed Bug	Leptoglossus occidentalis	INNS
Zebra Mussel	Dreissena polymorpha	INNS
Heath Star Moss	Campylopus introflexus	INNS
Japanese Knotweed	Fallopia japonica	WCA9, INNS
Butterfly-bush	Buddleja davidii	INNS
Greater Periwinkle	Vinca major	INNS
Bluebell	Hyacinthoides non-scripta	INNS
Cherry Laurel	Prunus laurocerasus	INNS
Himalayan Cotoneaster	Cotoneaster simonsii	WCA9, INNS

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Himalayan Honeysuckle	Leycesteria formosa	INNS
Three-cornered Garlic	Allium triquetrum	WCA9, INNS
Terrestrial Invertebrates (B	eetle)	
Harlequin Ladybird	Harmonia axyridis	INNS
Two-tone Reed beetle	Donacia bicolora	S7, RDB2 (UK) - S
Ground Beetle	Ophonus ardosiacus	RDB2 (UK) - NB
	Oedemera femoralis	RDB2 (UK) - NB, RDB2 (UK) - S
	Orthochaetes insignis	RDB2 (UK) - NB
	Hedobia imperialis	RDB2 (UK) - NB
Terrestrial Invertebrates (Butterfly)		
Brown Argus	Aricia agestis	LBAP (BRG, DEN)
Dingy Skipper	Erynnis tages	S7, RDB1 (UK) - VU, LBAP (BGW, BRG, CON, FLI, GWY, SWN, VOG), LI(SEWBReC)
Dark Green Fritillary	Speyeria aglaja	LBAP (BRG, FLI, GWY, TRF), LI(SEWBReC), LI(VC43)
Silver-Washed Fritillary	Argynnis paphia	LBAP (BRG, CDF, CON, FLI, MON, NEW, POW, SWN), LI(SEWBReC), LI(VC43)
Marbled White	Melanargia galathea	LBAP (SWN, VOG), LI(BIS)
Marsh Fritillary	Euphydryas aurinia	HDir, WCA5, S7, Bern, RDB1 (UK) - VU, LBAP (ANG, BBNP, CER, CON, CRM, GWY, PEM, POW, SNP, TRA, VOG), LI(SEWBReC)
Small Heath	Coenonympha pamphilus	S7, RDB1 (UK) - NT, LBAP (GWY, VOG)

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Small Pearl-bordered Fritillary	Boloria selene	S7, RDB1 (UK) - NT, LBAP (BGW, BRG, CON, DEN, FLI, GWY, MTR, NEW, POW, RCT, SNP, SWN, TRF, VOG), LI(SEWBReC), LI(VC43)
Small Blue	Cupido minimus	WCA5, S7, RDB1 (UK) - NT, LBAP (CON, PEM, VOG), LI(SEWBReC)
Grayling	Hipparchia semele	S7, RDB1 (UK) - VU, LBAP (BRG, CDF, GWY, RCT, VOG), LI(SEWBReC), LI(VC43)
Terrestrial Invertebrates (D	ragonfly)	
Black-tailed Skimmer	Orthetrum cancellatum	LBAP (CLY, SNP), LI(BIS), LI(SEWBReC)
Beautiful Agrion	Calopteryx virgo	LBAP (CLY, SNP), LI(BIS), LI(SEWBReC)
Hairy Dragonfly	Brachytron pratense	LBAP (BRG, CLY, GWY, PEM, SNP), LI(BIS), LI(SEWBReC)
Common Emerald Damselfly	Lestes sponsa	LBAP (CLY, SNP), LI(SEWBReC), LI(VC42), LI(VC43), LI(VC47), LI(VC50)
Ruddy Darter	Sympetrum sanguineum	LBAP (CLY, SNP), LI(SEWBReC), LI(VC42), LI(VC43), LI(VC47), LI(VC50)
Banded Agrion	Calopteryx splendens	LBAP (CLY, SNP), LI(BIS), LI(SEWBReC)
Black Darter	Sympetrum danae	LBAP (CLY, SNP), LI(BIS), LI(SEWBReC)
Terrestrial Invertebrates (Hymenoptera)		
Red-tailed Bumblebee	Bombus lapidarius	LBAP (FLI, MTR)
Common Carder Bee	Bombus pascuorum	LBAP (FLI, MTR)
Buff-tailed Bumblebee	Bombus terrestris	LBAP (FLI, MTR)
White-tailed Bumblebee	Bombus lucorum	LBAP (FLI, MTR)
Early Bumblebee	Bombus pratorum	LBAP (FLI, MTR)
Garden Bumblebee	Bombus hortorum	LBAP (FLI, MTR)
Red-tailed (hill) Cuckoo Bee	Bombus rupestris	RDB2 (UK) - NB, LBAP (GWY)
Painted Nomad Bee	Nomada fucata	RDB2 (UK) - NA
Brown-banded Carder- bee	Bombus humilis	S7, LBAP (CER, CON, FLI, GWY, PEM, POW, VOG)
Moss Carder-bee	Bombus muscorum	S7, LBAP (FLI, GWY, MTR, VOG)

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Terrestrial Invertebrates (Moth)		
Greenweed Flat-body	Agonopterix atomella	S7
Latticed Heath	Chiasmia clathrata	S7, LBAP (GWY, VOG)
Large Wainscot	Rhizedra lutosa	S7, LBAP (BRG, GWY)
Shaded Broad-bar	Scotopteryx chenopodiata	S7, LBAP (GWY, VOG)
Grey Dagger	Acronicta psi	S7, LBAP (GWY, VOG)
Centre-barred Swallow	Atethmia centrago	S7, LBAP (GWY, VOG)
Dusky Thorn	Ennomos fuscantaria	S7, LBAP (GWY, VOG)
Blood-vein	Timandra comae	S7, LBAP (VOG)
Lackey	Malacosoma neustria	S7, LBAP (GWY, VOG)
Dot Moth	Melanchra persicariae	S7, LBAP (GWY, VOG)
Knot Grass	Acronicta rumicis	S7, LBAP (GWY, VOG)
Narrow-bordered Bee Hawk-moth	Hemaris tityus	S7, LBAP (CER, CON, GWY, POW)
Dark-barred Twin-spot Carpet	Xanthorhoe ferrugata	S7, LBAP (GWY, VOG)
Rustic	Hoplodrina blanda	S7, LBAP (GWY, VOG)
Green-brindled Crescent	Allophyes oxyacanthae	S7, LBAP (GWY, VOG)
Small Square-spot	Diarsia rubi	S7, LBAP (GWY, VOG)
Sallow	Cirrhia icteritia	S7, LBAP (GWY, VOG)
White Ermine	Spilosoma lubricipeda	S7, LBAP (GWY, VOG)
Pretty Chalk Carpet	Melanthia procellata	S7, LBAP (GWY, VOG), LI(BIS)
Buff Ermine	Spilosoma lutea	S7, LBAP (GWY, VOG)
August Thorn	Ennomos quercinaria	S7, LBAP (GWY, VOG), LI(BIS)
Small Phoenix	Ecliptopera silaceata	S7, LBAP (GWY, VOG)
Greenweed Groundling	Mirificarma lentiginosella	RDB2 (UK) - NB
Bulrush Veneer	Calamotropha paludella	RDB2 (UK) - NB, LBAP (NEW)

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Coronet	Craniophora ligustri	LBAP (BRG)
Round-winged Muslin	Thumatha senex	LBAP (BRG)
Six-belted Clearwing	Bembecia ichneumoniformis	LBAP (TRF)
Coastal Pearl	Mecyna asinalis	RDB2 (UK) - NB
Fern	Horisme tersata	LBAP (BRG)
Barred Sallow	Tiliacea aurago	LBAP (BRG)
Terrestrial Invertebrates (O	rthoptera)	
Long-winged Cone-head	Conocephalus fuscus	LI(SEWBReC)
Short-winged Cone-head	Conocephalus dorsalis	LBAP (BRG, TRF), LI(SEWBReC)
Speckled Bush-cricket	Leptophyes punctatissima	LI(SEWBReC)
Fish		·
Common carp	Cyprinus carpio	LBAP (CON), INNS
Amphibians		
Common Toad	Bufo bufo	WCA5, S7, Bern, LBAP (ANG, CLY, CON, DEN, FLI, GWY, POW, TRA, VOG)
common frog	Rana temporaria	HDir, WCA5, Bern, LBAP (ANG, CLY, CON, FLI, POW, TRA)
great crested newt	Triturus cristatus	EPS, HDir, WCA5, S7, Bern, RDB2 (UK), LBAP (ANG, BBNP, CLY, CON, DEN, FLI, MON, POW, SNP, TRA, TRF, VOG, WRE)
Palmate newt	Lissotriton helveticus	WCA5, Bern, LBAP (ANG, CLY, CON, DEN, FLI, POW, TRA), LI(BIS)
Reptiles		
Slow-worm	Anguis fragilis	WCA5, S7, Bern, LBAP (ANG, CLY, CON, DEN, FLI, GWY, POW, SNP, TRA, VOG)
Red-eared Terrapin	Trachemys scripta	INNS
Birds		
Spotted Flycatcher	Muscicapa striata	S7, Bern, WBR(RSPB), LBAP (BBNP, CER, CLY, CON, DEN, FLI, GWY, PEM, POW, VOG), UKBR(RSPB)

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Eurasian Skylark	Alauda arvensis	BDir22, S7, LBAP (ANG, BBNP, CER, CLY, CON, CRM, DEN, FLI, GWY, PEM, POW, SNP, TRF, VOG), WBAm(RSPB), UKBR(RSPB)
Lesser Black-backed Gull	Larus fuscus	BDir22, LBAP (CON, GWY, PEM, POW, SNP), WBAm(RSPB), UKBAm(RSPB)
Long-tailed Tit	Aegithalos caudatus	WBAm(RSPB)
Dunnock	Prunella modularis	S7, Bern, LBAP (CON, POW, VOG), UKBAm(RSPB)
Canada Goose	Branta canadensis	BDir21, WCA9, INNS
Mallard	Anas platyrhynchos	BDir21, LBAP (CON, GWY), WBAm(RSPB), UKBAm(RSPB)
Tufted Duck	Aythya fuligula	BDir21, LBAP (CON, POW, VOG), WBAm(RSPB)
Mistle Thrush	Turdus viscivorus	BDir22, Bern, WBAm(RSPB), UKBR(RSPB)
Goldcrest	Regulus regulus	Bern, LBAP (CON, POW), WBAm(RSPB)
Song Thrush	Turdus philomelos	BDir22, S7, Bern, LBAP (ANG, BBNP, CER, CLY, CON, DEN, FLI, GWY, PEM, POW, SNP, TRF, VOG, WRE), WBAm(RSPB), UKBR(RSPB)
Linnet	Linaria cannabina	S7, Bern, WBR(RSPB), LBAP (ANG, BBNP, CER, CLY, DEN, FLI, PEM, VOG), LBAP (CON, GWY), UKBR(RSPB)
Greenfinch	Chloris chloris	Bern, LBAP (CON, POW), WBAm(RSPB)
Whitethroat	Curruca communis	WBR(RSPB), LBAP (CON, POW)
Cormorant	Phalacrocorax carbo	LBAP (CON, GWY, POW), WBAm(RSPB)
Redwing	Turdus iliacus	BDir22, WCA1.1, LBAP (CON, POW), WBAm(RSPB), UKBR(RSPB)
Swallow	Hirundo rustica	Bern, LBAP (ANG, CON, GWY, POW, VOG), WBAm(RSPB)
European Herring Gull	Larus argentatus	BDir22, S7, WBR(RSPB), LBAP (CON, GWY, POW, VOG), UKBR(RSPB)
Eurasian Coot	Fulica atra	BDir21, LBAP (BRG), WBAm(RSPB)
Gadwall	Mareca strepera	BDir21, LBAP (CON, GWY), UKBAm(RSPB)
Eurasian Bullfinch	Pyrrhula pyrrhula	S7, WBR(RSPB), LBAP (BBNP, CER, CLY, CON, DEN, FLI, GWY, PEM, TRF, VOG), UKBAm(RSPB)

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Common Reed Bunting	Emberiza schoeniclus	S7, Bern, LBAP (BBNP, CER, CLY, CON, DEN, FLI, GWY, PEM, POW, VOG), WBAm(RSPB), UKBAm(RSPB)
Grey Heron	Ardea cinerea	LBAP (BRG, RCT), WBAm(RSPB)
European Green Woodpecker	Picus viridis	Bern, LBAP (CLY, CON, DEN, FLI, GWY, PEM, POW, SNP), WBAm(RSPB)
Pochard	Aythya ferina	BDir21, WBR(RSPB), LBAP (CON, POW), UKBR(RSPB)
Black-headed Gull	Chroicocephalus ridibundus	BDir22, S7, WBR(RSPB), LBAP (GWY, VOG), UKBAm(RSPB)
Kingfisher	Alcedo atthis	BDir1, WCA1.1, Bern, LBAP (CLY, CON, DEN, FLI, GWY, POW, TRA), WBAm(RSPB), UKBAm(RSPB)
Teal	Anas crecca	BDir21, CITES, LBAP (ANG, CON, DEN, FLI, GWY), LBAP (ANG, DEN, FLI), WBAm(RSPB), LI(VC43), UKBAm(RSPB)
Starling	Sturnus vulgaris	BDir22, S7, Bern, WBR(RSPB), LBAP (BBNP, CON, FLI, GWY, VOG), UKBR(RSPB)
Lesser Whitethroat	Curruca curruca	LBAP (BRG, CON, DEN, FLI, POW)
Willow Warbler	Phylloscopus trochilus	WBR(RSPB), LBAP (CON), UKBAm(RSPB)
Swift	Apus	LBAP (BRG, RCT, VOG), WBAm(RSPB), UKBAm(RSPB)
Sand Martin	Riparia riparia	Bern, LBAP (CON, DEN, FLI, GWY, POW, VOG), WBAm(RSPB)
Snipe	Gallinago gallinago	BDir21, LBAP (ANG, CON, DEN, FLI, GWY, POW), WBAm(RSPB), LI(VC43), UKBAm(RSPB)
House Sparrow	Passer domesticus	S7, LBAP (CLY, CON, FLI, GWY, VOG), WBAm(RSPB), UKBR(RSPB)
Red Kite	Milvus milvus	BDir1, WCA1.1, WCA9, CITES, LBAP (CON, CRM, GWY, POW), WBAm(RSPB)
Kestrel	Falco tinnunculus	S7, Bern, CITES, WBR(RSPB), LBAP (ANG, CLY, CON, DEN, FLI, GWY, PEM, POW, VOG), LI(VC43), UKBAm(RSPB)
Common House Martin	Delichon urbicum	Bern, LBAP (BRG, CON, POW, RCT, VOG), UKBAm(RSPB)

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Marsh Tit	Poecile palustris	S7, Bern, WBR(RSPB), LBAP (BBNP, CON, DEN, FLI, GWY, POW, VOG), UKBR(RSPB)
Grey Wagtail	Motacilla cinerea	Bern, LBAP (CLY, CON, POW, TRA), WBAm(RSPB), UKBR(RSPB)
Brambling	Fringilla montifringilla	WCA1.1, LBAP (CON), WBAm(RSPB)
Fieldfare	Turdus pilaris	BDir22, WCA1.1, LBAP (CON, POW), WBAm(RSPB), UKBR(RSPB)
Peregrine	Falco peregrinus	BDir1, WCA1.1, Bern, CITES, LBAP (ANG, CLY, CON, GWY, PEM, POW, TRF, VOG), LI(VC43)
Wigeon	Mareca penelope	BDir21, CITES, LBAP (CON, GWY), WBAm(RSPB), UKBAm(RSPB)
Meadow Pipit	Anthus pratensis	Bern, LBAP (CON), WBAm(RSPB), UKBAm(RSPB)
Shoveler	Spatula clypeata	BDir21, CITES, LBAP (ANG, CON, GWY, POW), WBAm(RSPB), UKBAm(RSPB)
Night-heron	Nycticorax nycticorax	BDir1, WCA9, Bern, INNS
Tree Pipit	Anthus trivialis	S7, Bern, LBAP (CON, DEN, FLI, GWY, POW, VOG), WBAm(RSPB), UKBR(RSPB)
Whinchat	Saxicola rubetra	Bern, WBR(RSPB), LBAP (BRG, CON, DEN, FLI, GWY, PEM, POW, RCT), UKBR(RSPB)
Cetti's Warbler	Cettia cetti	WCA1.1, LBAP (ANG, PEM, VOG)
Wheatear	Oenanthe oenanthe	Bern, LBAP (BRG, CON, POW), WBAm(RSPB)
Redstart	Phoenicurus phoenicurus	Bern, LBAP (CON, GWY, POW, SNP), WBAm(RSPB), UKBAm(RSPB)
Common Gull	Larus canus	BDir22, WBR(RSPB), UKBAm(RSPB)
Yellow-legged Gull	Larus michahellis	UKBAm(RSPB)
Cuckoo	Cuculus canorus	S7, WBR(RSPB), LBAP (CON, DEN, FLI, GWY, VOG), UKBR(RSPB)
Scaup	Aythya marila	BDir22, WCA1.1, LBAP (CON, GWY), WBAm(RSPB), UKBR(RSPB)
Goshawk	Accipiter gentilis	WCA1.1, WCA9, CITES, LBAP (CLY, CON, POW, VOG)
Ring Ouzel	Turdus torquatus	S7, Bern, WBR(RSPB), LBAP (BBNP, CON, DEN, FLI, GWY, POW, VOG), LI(VC43), UKBR(RSPB)

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European Pied Flycatcher	Ficedula hypoleuca	S7, WBR(RSPB), LBAP (CON, GWY, POW, SNP, VOG), UKBR(RSPB)	
Pintail	Anas acuta	BDir21, WCA1.2, CITES, LBAP (CON, GWY), WBAm(RSPB), UKBAm(RSPB)	
Hobby	Falco subbuteo	WCA1.1, Bern, CITES, LBAP (CON, GWY, POW, VOG), LI(VC43)	
Bearded Reedling	Panurus biarmicus	WCA1.1, Bern, LBAP (CON, POW), WBAm(RSPB)	
Lesser Redpoll	Acanthis cabaret	S7, LBAP (CON), LBAP (DEN, POW, VOG), WBAm(RSPB), UKBR(RSPB)	
Common Loon	Gavia immer	BDir1, WCA1.1, Bern, LBAP (CON, GWY), WBAm(RSPB), UKBAm(RSPB)	
Hawfinch	Coccothraustes coccothraustes	S7, Bern, LBAP (CON, DEN, FLI, GWY, POW, VOG), WBAm(RSPB), UKBR(RSPB)	
Common Sandpiper	Actitis hypoleucos	WBR(RSPB), UKBAm(RSPB)	
Ruddy Duck	Oxyura jamaicensis	WCA9, INNS	
Grasshopper Warbler	Locustella naevia	S7, WBR(RSPB), LBAP (BBNP, CON, DEN, FLI, GWY, POW, VOG), UKBR(RSPB)	
Merlin	Falco columbarius	BDir1, WCA1.1, Bern, CITES, WBR(RSPB), LBAP (CON, DEN, FLI, GWY, POW), LI(VC43), UKBR(RSPB)	
Black-tailed Godwit	Limosa limosa	BDir22, WCA1.1, LBAP (CON, GWY), WBAm(RSPB), UKBR(RSPB)	
Mediterranean Gull	Ichthyaetus melanocephalus	BDir1, WCA1.1, Bern, LBAP (CON), WBAm(RSPE UKBAm(RSPB)	
Goldeneye	Bucephala clangula	BDir22, WCA1.2, LBAP (CON, POW), UKBAm(RSPB)	
Western Marsh Harrier	tern Marsh Harrier Circus aeruginosus BDir1, WCA1.1, CITES, LBAP (CON), WBAm(RSPB), UKBR(RSPB), UKBAm(RSP		
Lapwing	Vanellus vanellus	BDir22, S7, WBR(RSPB), LBAP (ANG, BBNP, CLY, CON, CRM, DEN, FLI, GWY, MON, PEM, POW, SNP, TRF, VOG), LI(VC43), UKBR(RSPB)	
Western Yellow Wagtail	Motacilla flava	S7, Bern, WBR(RSPB), LBAP (CON, DEN, FLI, POW, TRA, VOG), LI(VC43), UKBR(RSPB)	

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Western Barn Owl	Tyto alba	WCA1.1, WCA9, Bern, CITES, LBAP (ANG, CLY, CON, CRM, DEN, FLI, GWY, PEM, POW, SNP, TRA, VOG, WRE), LI(VC43)
Woodlark	Lullula arborea	BDir1, WCA1.1, S7, LBAP (BBNP, CER, POW)
Black-throated Loon	Gavia arctica	BDir1, Bern, WBAm(RSPB), UKBAm(RSPB)
Whooper Swan	Cygnus cygnus	BDir1, WCA1.1, Bern, LBAP (CON, GWY, POW), UKBAm(RSPB)
Eurasian Bittern	Botaurus stellaris	BDir1, WCA1.1, S7, Bern, LBAP (ANG, BBNP, CER, CON, GWY, POW, VOG), WBAm(RSPB), UKBAm(RSPB)
Shelduck	Tadorna tadorna	Bern, LBAP (CON, GWY, VOG), WBAm(RSPB), UKBAm(RSPB)
Iceland Gull	Larus glaucoides	Bern, UKBAm(RSPB)
Common Firecrest	Regulus ignicapilla	WCA1.1, Bern, LBAP (BRG, CON, GWY, POW), WBAm(RSPB), LI(VC43)
Bar-headed Goose	Anser indicus	WCA9, INNS
Oystercatcher	Haematopus ostralegus	BDir22, LBAP (CON, GWY), WBAm(RSPB), LI(VC43), UKBAm(RSPB)
Curlew	Numenius arquata	BDir22, S7, WBR(RSPB), LBAP (ANG, BBNP, CLY, CON, CRM, DEN, FLI, GWY, PEM, POW, SNP, VOG), LI(VC43), UKBR(RSPB)
Little Gull	Hydrocoloeus minutus	BDir1, WCA1.1, Bern, LBAP (CON), WBAm(RSPB)
Common Tern	Sterna hirundo	BDir1, Bern, LBAP (ANG, CON, GWY), WBAm(RSPB), UKBAm(RSPB)
Jack Snipe	Lymnocryptes minimus	BDir21, LBAP (CON, POW), WBAm(RSPB)
Redshank	Tringa totanus	BDir22, LBAP (ANG, CON, GWY, POW), WBAm(RSPB), UKBAm(RSPB)
Turtle Dove	Streptopelia turtur	BDir22, S7, CITES, WBR(RSPB), LBAP (BBNP, CON, GWY, MON, POW), UKBR(RSPB)
Pink-footed Goose	Anser brachyrhynchus	BDir22, Bern, UKBAm(RSPB)
Great Black-backed Gull	Larus marinus	BDir22, WBR(RSPB), UKBAm(RSPB)
Barnacle Goose	Branta leucopsis	BDir1, WCA9, Bern, UKBAm(RSPB), INNS

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Black-tailed Godwit	Limosa limosa	BDir22, WCA1.1, LBAP (CON, GWY), WBAm(RSPB), UKBR(RSPB)	
Black Swan	Cygnus atratus	WCA9, INNS	
Red Crossbill	Loxia curvirostra	WCA1.1, Bern, LBAP (CON, POW), LI(VC43)	
Eurasian Whimbrel	Numenius phaeopus	BDir22, WCA1.1, LBAP (CON, GWY), WBAm(RSPB), UKBR(RSPB)	
Hen Harrier	Circus cyaneus	BDir1, WCA1.1, S7, CITES, WBR(RSPB), LBAP (BBNP, CON, DEN, FLI, GWY, POW, SNP, VOG), LBAP (BBNP, DEN, FLI, POW, SNP, VOG), LI(VC43)	
Woodcock	Scolopax rusticola	BDir21, WBR(RSPB), LBAP (CON, DEN, FLI, GWY, POW), LI(VC43), UKBR(RSPB)	
Glaucous Gull	Larus hyperboreus	Bern, UKBAm(RSPB)	
Wood Warbler	Phylloscopus sibilatrix	S7, WBR(RSPB), LBAP (CON, GWY, SNP, VOG), UKBR(RSPB)	
Black-necked Grebe	Podiceps nigricollis	WCA1.1, Bern, WBAm(RSPB), UKBAm(RSPB)	
Green Sandpiper	Tringa ochropus	WCA1.1, Bern, LBAP (CON, VOG), WBAm(RSPB), UKBAm(RSPB)	
Garganey	Spatula querquedula	BDir21, WCA1.1, CITES, LBAP (CON, GWY), WBAm(RSPB), UKBAm(RSPB)	
Shag	Phalacrocorax aristotelis	Bern, LBAP (CON, GWY), WBAm(RSPB), UKBR(RSPB)	
Egyptian Goose	Alopochen aegyptiaca	WCA9, INNS	
Yellow Wagtail	Motacilla flava flavissima	S7, WBR(RSPB), LBAP (DEN, FLI, TRA), LI(VC43), UKBAm(RSPB)	
Crane	Grus grus	BDir1, WCA9, Bern, CITES, UKBAm(RSPB)	
Long-tailed Duck	Clangula hyemalis	BDir22, WCA1.1, RDB1 (UK) - VU, WBR(RSPB), UKBR(RSPB)	
Caspian Gull	Larus cachinnans	UKBAm(RSPB)	
Spoonbill	Platalea leucorodia	BDir1, WCA1.1, Bern, CITES, LBAP (CON), WBAm(RSPB), UKBAm(RSPB)	
Dipper	Cinclus cinclus	Bern, LBAP (BRG, CLY, CON, MTR, POW, RCT, TRA), WBAm(RSPB), UKBAm(RSPB)	

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Common Ringed Plover	Charadrius hiaticula	S7, Bern, WBR(RSPB), LBAP (BBNP, CON, CRM, GWY, VOG), UKBR(RSPB)
Turnstone	Arenaria interpres	Bern, LBAP (CON, GWY), WBAm(RSPB), UKBAm(RSPB)
Black Redstart	Phoenicurus ochruros	WCA1.1, Bern, LBAP (GWY, VOG), WBAm(RSPB), UKBR(RSPB)
Fulmar	Fulmarus glacialis	Bern, LBAP (VOG), WBAm(RSPB), UKBAm(RSPB)
Manx Shearwater	Puffinus puffinus	Bern, LBAP (CON, GWY, PEM), WBAm(RSPB), UKBAm(RSPB)
Gannet	Morus bassanus	LBAP (CON, GWY, PEM), WBAm(RSPB), UKBAm(RSPB)
European Storm Petrel	Hydrobates pelagicus	BDir1, Bern, LBAP (GWY, PEM), WBAm(RSPB), UKBAm(RSPB)
Sandwich Tern	Thalasseus sandvicensis	BDir1, Bern, LBAP (ANG), LBAP (ANG, CON, GWY), WBAm(RSPB), UKBAm(RSPB)
Common Scoter	Melanitta nigra	BDir22, WCA1.1, S7, LBAP (ANG, BBNP, CER, CON, CRM, DEN, FLI, GWY, PEM, VOG), WBAm(RSPB), UKBR(RSPB)
Arctic Tern	Sterna paradisaea	BDir1, Bern, WBR(RSPB), LBAP (ANG, CON, GWY), UKBAm(RSPB)
Dunlin	Calidris alpina	Bern, WBR(RSPB), LBAP (CON, GWY, POW), LI(VC43), UKBAm(RSPB)
Wryneck	Jynx torquilla	WCA1.1, Bern
Short-eared Owl	Asio flammeus	BDir1, Bern, CITES, WBR(RSPB), LBAP (CON, DEN, GWY, PEM, POW), LI(VC43), UKBAm(RSPB)
Golden Plover	Pluvialis apricaria	BDir1, BDir22, S7, WBR(RSPB), LBAP (BBNP, CON, CRM, FLI, GWY, POW, SNP, VOG), LI(VC43)
Ruff	Calidris pugnax	BDir1, BDir22, WCA1.1, LBAP (CON), WBAm(RSPB), UKBR(RSPB)
Greenshank	Tringa nebularia	BDir22, WCA1.1, LBAP (CON, POW), UKBAm(RSPB)
Yellowhammer	Emberiza citrinella	S7, Bern, WBR(RSPB), LBAP (ANG, BBNP, CLY, CON, CRM, DEN, FLI, GWY, PEM, POW, SNP, VOG), UKBR(RSPB)

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Grey Plover	Pluvialis squatarola	BDir22, WBR(RSPB), LBAP (CON, GWY), UKBAm(RSPB)	
Willow Tit	Poecile montanus	S7, Bern, WBR(RSPB), LBAP (BBNP, DEN, FLI, POW, VOG), LBAP (CON, GWY), LI(VC43), UKBR(RSPB)	
Light-bellied Brent Goose	Branta bernicla hrota	BDir22, LBAP (CON, GWY), UKBAm(RSPB)	
Red-throated Loon	Gavia stellata	BDir1, WCA1.1, Bern, LBAP (CON, GWY), WBAm(RSPB)	
Leach's Storm Petrel	Oceanodroma leucorhoa	BDir1, WCA1.1, Bern, LBAP (CON), WBAm(RSPB), UKBAm(RSPB)	
Common Murre	Uria aalge	LBAP (CON, PEM), WBAm(RSPB), UKBAm(RSPB)	
Corn Bunting	Emberiza calandra	S7, WBR(RSPB), LBAP (CON, DEN, FLI), UKBR(RSPB)	
Spotted Redshank	Tringa erythropus	BDir22, LBAP (CON), WBAm(RSPB), UKBAm(RSPB)	
Common Rosefinch	Carpodacus erythrinus	WCA1.1, Bern	
Sanderling	Calidris alba	Bern, LBAP (CON), WBAm(RSPB), UKBAm(RSPB)	
Bar-tailed Godwit	Limosa lapponica	BDir1, BDir22, S7, WBR(RSPB), LBAP (BBNP, CON, GWY, VOG), UKBAm(RSPB)	
Roseate Tern	Sterna dougallii	BDir1, WCA1.1, S7, Bern, WBR(RSPB), LBAP (ANG, BBNP, GWY), UKBR(RSPB)	
Parasitic Jaeger	Stercorarius parasiticus	LBAP (CON), WBAm(RSPB), UKBR(RSPB)	
Indet. Diver	Gavia	WCA1.1	
Knot	Calidris canutus	BDir22, WBR(RSPB), LBAP (BBNP, CON, GWY), UKBAm(RSPB)	
Purple Sandpiper	Calidris maritima	WCA1.1, Bern, LBAP (CON, VOG), WBAm(RSPB), UKBAm(RSPB)	
Red-breasted Merganser	Mergus serrator	BDir22, LBAP (CON, POW), WBAm(RSPB)	
Water Pipit	Anthus spinoletta	Bern, UKBAm(RSPB)	
Nightjar	Caprimulgus europaeus	BDir1, S7, Bern, LBAP (BBNP, CER, CLY, CON, CRM, DEN, FLI, GWY, MON, PEM, POW, SNP, VOG), WBAm(RSPB), LI(VC43), UKBAm(RSPB)	

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Razorbill	Alca torda	Bern, LBAP (ANG, CON, PEM), WBAm(RSPB), UKBAm(RSPB)	
Dark-bellied Brent Goose	Branta bernicla	S7, LBAP (VOG), WBAm(RSPB)	
Black Tern	Chlidonias niger	BDir1, WCA1.1, Bern	
Little Tern	Sternula albifrons	BDir1, WCA1.1, Bern, WBR(RSPB), LBAP (BBNP, CON, DEN, FLI, GWY), UKBAm(RSPB)	
Pomarine Jaeger	Stercorarius pomarinus	WBAm(RSPB)	
Long-tailed Jaeger	Stercorarius longicaudus	WBAm(RSPB)	
Western Osprey	Pandion haliaetus	BDir1, WCA1.1, CITES, LBAP (GWY), WBAm(RSPB), UKBAm(RSPB)	
Herring Gull	Larus argentatus argenteus	S7, UKBAm(RSPB)	
Mammals			
Lesser Horseshoe Bat	Rhinolophus hipposideros	EPS, HDir, WCA5, S7, Bern, RDB2 (UK), LBAP (ANG, BBNP, CLY, CON, CRM, DEN, FLI, GWY, MON, PEM, POW, SNP, TRA, TRF, VOG, WRE)	
Whiskered Bat	Myotis mystacinus	EPS, HDir, WCA5, Bern, RDB2 (UK), LBAP (ANG, DEN, FLI, GWY, POW, SNP, TRA, TRF)	
Common Noctule	Nyctalus noctula	EPS, HDir, WCA5, S7, Bern, RDB2 (UK), LBAP (ANG, CLY, CON, DEN, FLI, GWY, POW, SNP, TRA, TRF, VOG)	
Lesser Noctule	Nyctalus leisleri	EPS, HDir, WCA5, Bern, RDB2 (UK), LBAP (ANG, DEN, FLI, SNP, TRA, TRF)	
Common Pipistrelle	Pipistrellus pipistrellus	EPS, HDir, WCA5, S7, Bern, RDB2 (UK), LBAP (ANG, BBNP, CER, CLY, CON, CRM, DEN, FLI, GWY, PEM, POW, SNP, TRA, TRF, VOG)	
Nathusius's Pipistrelle	Pipistrellus nathusii	EPS, HDir, WCA5, Bern, RDB2 (UK), LBAP (ANG, DEN, FLI, SNP, TRA, TRF)	
Soprano Pipistrelle	Pipistrellus pygmaeus	EPS, HDir, WCA5, S7, Bern, RDB2 (UK), LBAP (ANG, BBNP, CLY, DEN, FLI, GWY, PEM, POW, SNP, TRA, TRF, VOG)	
Serotine	Eptesicus serotinus	EPS, HDir, WCA5, Bern, RDB2 (UK), LBAP (GWY, POW, TRA, TRF)	
Hazel Dormouse	Muscardinus avellanarius	EPS, HDir, WCA5, S7, Bern, RDB2 (UK), LBAP (BBNP, CER, CLY, CON, CRM, DEN, FLI, GWY, MON, PEM, POW, SNP, TRA, TRF, VOG)	

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Water Vole	Arvicola amphibius	WCA5, S7, LBAP (ANG, BBNP, CER, CLY, CON, CRM, DEN, FLI, GWY, PEM, POW, SNP, TRA, TRF, VoG)
Eastern Grey Squirrel	Sciurus carolinensis	WCA9, INNS
European Hedgehog	Erinaceus europaeus	S7, Bern, LBAP (ANG, BGW, BRG, CON, FLI, GWY, NEW, POW, RCT, VOG)
American Mink	Neovison vison	WCA9, INNS
Stoat	Mustela erminea	NRW, Bern, LBAP (ANG, BGW, BRG, CON, FLI, NEW, POW)

Appendix C Target Notes

Target Note	Description	Photograph
1	Hollyberry Cotoneaster (<i>Cotoneaster bullatus</i>).	



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