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 Session 19: CWMTILLERY SETTLEMENT BOUNDARIES

MATTERS ARISING FROM THE HEARING SESSION

Page number	PO Ref Number	Policy/ para/ figure reference	Suggested change/ action	Council response (agree/ disagree/ alternative)
	MA19.1	AS(SB)2	Clarify logic for Council's final preferred urban settlement boundary as it relates to Trefil in its closing statement.	Agree. To ensure that there is consistency in the settlement boundary approach, the Council propose to include the extant planning permission at Tafarn Ty Uchaf, Trefil within the settlement boundary. Attached at Appendix 1 is a Plan which shows the change.
	MA19.2	Mr Watkins' statement	Council to review 1991 Gwent ecology report and plan marked Figure 2 and provide any written observations on it including any revisions they feel appropriate to their decision not to allocate this site for housing to the	Agree. Refer to note attached at Appendix 2.

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			<p>programme officer no later than 1700 hours on 20 July 2012. The programme officer will forward these submissions to Mr Roberts.</p> <p>Mr Watkins/ Mr Roberts to provide a final response to the Council on this matter, with a copy to the programme officer, no later than 1700 hours on 3 August to this reply.</p>	
	MA19.3	Mr Watkins/ Mr Roberts	<p>Any additional submissions which Mr Watkins/ Mr Roberts wish to make on Ty Pwdr or any other part of their case must be sent in writing or via e-mail to reach the programme officer no later than 1700 hours on 20 July 2012.</p> <p>The programme officer will forward these to the Council.</p> <p>The Council shall give its final response to the programme officer on any further submissions made no later than 1700 hours on 3 August 2012.</p>	Agree to give final response by 3 rd of August 2012.

Date : 12/07/2012	Appendix 1	 Cynor Bardodref Sir Blaenau Gwent County Borough Council Regeneration Division
Scale : 1:600		
Site:	Tafarn Ty Uchaf, Trefil	
Change Proposed:	Include in Settlement Boundary	



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Date/Dyddiad: 19th July 2012



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Memorandum / Memorandwm

Gwent Wildlife Trust Survey: Ty Pwdr and Greenmeadow Housing Development Habitat Survey

The County Ecologist was requested to assess the Gwent Wildlife Trust habitat survey and associated plans presented by Mr I.Watkins/Ian Roberts Consultancy in support of their request to allocate an area of land known as Ty Pwdr for housing within the LDP.

The Gwent Wildlife Trust habitat survey is not dated but the Council is informed it was undertaken in the early 1990's. The report does not include a survey methodology nor does it state what time of year the survey was undertaken, this is vital information required when assessing the value of the results. Standard survey protocols exist for habitat surveying that involves set methodologies and undertaking surveys at an appropriate time of year. Any survey undertaken outside of the prescribed methods and timing would not be considered as part of a planning application and should not be considered as evidence.

A more recent ecological report has been produced by David Clements Ecology (2009). This report supersedes the Gwent Wildlife Trust report and supports the allocation of the site as a SINC. It should be noted that the David Clements report was undertaken as part of a planning application and the surveyors had access to the whole site. The report follows standard methodology and was undertaken at the appropriate time of year resulting in a high level of confidence in the results. The report concludes that, *"the site supports high quality semi-natural habitats which justify its inclusion within the Greenmeadows Farm SINC"*.

It should also be noted that although the Council tries to work with landowners and provides advice on management of SINC's, landownership has no bearing on SINC designation. If the habitat meets the criteria then it is included within the SINC boundary regardless of ownership.

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Ecologist