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Notes for working with Reptiles at Heol Crwys, Cwmafan

An Ecological Clerk of Works (ECW) will be appointed for the lifetime of the project

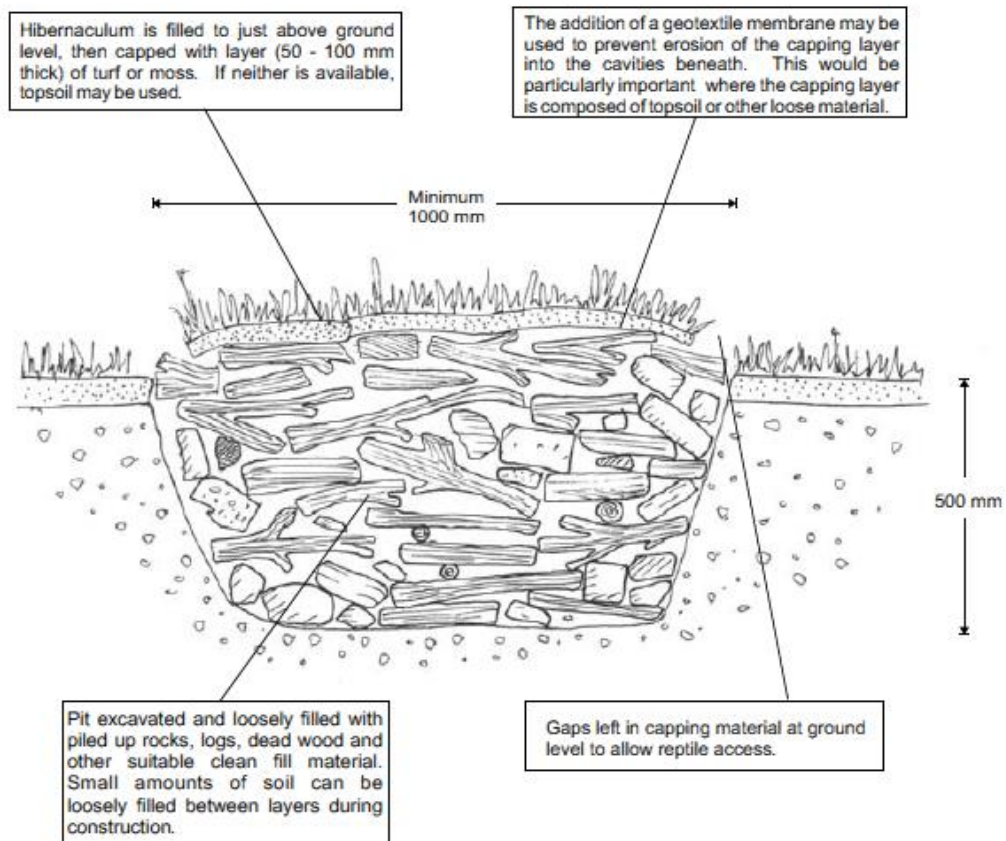
Clearance

- The development line will be clearly marked on the ground either by barrier tape or rope. Any vegetation on the construction side of the barrier will be carefully cleared using handheld equipment.
- The vegetation will not be cut lower than 30 centimetres in the first instance. This clearance can be undertaken at any time of year but preferably during the winter months outside the bird breeding season.
- The area impacted by the new development on Heol Jiwbili should also be clearly identified and the vegetation cleared as above.
- One way reptile proof fencing will be erected to isolate the development areas to prevent animals moving onto the Site during the demolition and construction works.
- As well as reptile fencing the use of Herras fencing to prevent intrusion by vehicles or contractors is recommended. Specifications for suitable reptile proof fencing are shown in the PEA/protected species report.
- Following this, in the activity season (April to October, this is weather dependent and the ECW should be consulted), the vegetation should be cut again to ground level. Following this any earth moving can take place under supervision of the ECW.

Enhancement:

- Small areas of bramble to be cut annually (at start of cutting season) to provide basking areas. These areas should be cut by hand with a brush cutter and to a height of 10cm minimum.
- Small piles of rocks to be provided within these to allow for cover, warm basking spots.
- Provision of reptile hibernacula as shown below in a location to be agreed with the ECW.

Reptile hibernacula design (from Highways Authority Design manual for Roads and bridges)



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