

**DCE 1250: UNIT 3, KENFIG INDUSTRIAL ESTATE, NEATH PORT TALBOT
ECOLOGICAL ENHANCEMENT PLAN**

May 2024

- 1.1 This plan has been prepared by David Clements Ecology Ltd (DCE) on the instructions of Darren Brown, Mango Planning, on behalf of United UK Real Estate Investment Industrial Holdings Ltd. Planning Permission for 'Change of Use' has been granted by Neath Port Talbot Council with the following condition that relates to ecology:
- “Within three months from the date of this permission, full details of a scheme for Biodiversity enhancement shall be submitted to and approved in writing by the Local Planning Authority. The submitted details shall include full details of the submitted scheme including the location, specification and number of facilities that shall be provided together with a programme of works for their implementation of site. The scheme shall be fully implemented on site as approved and in accordance with the approved programme of works.”*
- 1.2 The plan sets out recommendations for biodiversity enhancements for the site in accordance with this condition. The site, Unit 3 is within Kenfig Industrial Estate, Neath Port Talbot, approximately 5km south-east of the town of Port Talbot, located at SS 79896 83720.
- 1.3 An ecological walkover was carried out on 15th May 2024 in good weather in accordance with the Preliminary Ecological Appraisal guidelines published by the Chartered Institute of Ecology and Environmental Management (CIEEM 2018). This was based on the Phase 1 vegetation classification methodology developed by the former Nature Conservancy Council (current version: JNCC 2010), a nationally accepted and standard method for the rapid survey and appraisal of ecological habitats which is based primarily on the recording of vegetation and its classification into defined habitat categories.
- 1.4 The site comprises Unit 3, a steel-framed, steel-clad, flat-roofed industrial unit which is surrounded by hard standing used for parking, storage and access. There is LED lighting on the north, north-east and north-west aspects of the building at approximately 6m high. There is a small portacabin unit on the north-west aspect used as office space. In the wider environs further units within the Kenfig Industrial Estate are present to the south with farmland and a reservoir to the north, the M4 motorway 250m to the east and the main trainline 500m to the west.
- 1.5 The following bird species were recorded during the survey mainly associated with scrub adjacent to the site boundary, magpie, wren, blue tit, robin and sparrow. In addition, a swallow was recorded flying overhead.
- 1.6 To enhance the site for nesting birds it is recommended that two woodstone swift boxes, such as 'Orlando Swift Boxes', or similar, are installed on the north-east elevation of Unit 3, within three months of the date of the date of consent. The boxes will ideally be sited at around 8m above ground level, under the shelter of the eaves. The boxes will be installed in locations where they are not in direct sunlight, the entrances will not be obscured by vegetation, they will not be illuminated at night and where they are not in close proximity to window/door fixtures. The swift boxes should not require cleaning if occupied by swifts, however periodic cleaning will be required if the boxes are being used by other bird species.

Photographs, May 2024



North-west aspect of Unit 3, looking south



North-west aspect of Unit 3, looking south-east



North aspect of Unit 3, looking west



North-east aspect of Unit 3, looking west



North-east aspect of Unit 3, looking south-east

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