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**Re: 234-29 Morrisons Baglan Moor, Christchurch Road, Port
Talbot, SA12 7DA**

FAO Natasha Strydom

We have completed our desk study records for the Site, the details of which are summarised in this report.

The site was studied in May 2025, Data on statutory sites, distribution of European protected species licences and priority habitats were collected from DEFRA.

Background

This report has been commissioned by MBH Ltd on behalf MFG to provide a Biodiversity Enhancement Plan for the application site, as requested by the planning ecologist.

Proposals

The proposals involve the removal of 2No. Existing jet washes, extension of the sales building, installation of 4No. Jet washes and 6No. EV Bays.

Methodology

A desk study was carried out by collecting records from DEFRA's Map and Geographic Information Centre (MAGIC) website¹. DEFRA was searched for information on statutory designations within a 5km Area of Search (AoS) of the Site, and relevant European protected species licensing data and distribution of priority habitats within a 1km AoS.

Desk Study

The desk study reveal that the Site does not lie within or adjacent to any designated statutory site. The nearest designated site, Crymlyn Burrows Site of Special Scientific Interest (SSSI), is located c.2.9km west of the Site.

There are records of priority habitats within 500m of the Site.

The desk study returned no records of known European Protected Species Licences within a 1km AoS.

Due to scale and nature of the development, no impact on any species is envisaged. However, there is suitable habitat for nesting birds around the Site and any vegetation clearance, if necessary, should take place outside of the nesting season (1st of March to 31st of August).

Biodiversity Enhancements

There are opportunities for biodiversity enhancements at the Site. A total of 3x bird boxes and 1 bat box should be implemented.

Birds

To provide suitable habitat for breeding birds, nesting boxes can be placed in suitable locations around the Site. The suitable nest box would be the Vivara Pro Seville 28/32mm Woodstone Nest Box; these are suitable for a wide range of small passerine species but unsuitable for larger species such as pigeons, crows or gulls. These nest boxes can be secured to walls or on suitable trees,

¹ <https://magic.defra.gov.uk/>

facing away from prevailing winds, ideally facing east to southeast. Refer to Figure 1 for more details.

Bats

There is potential for a bat box at the Site. The bat box should be installed in an area where it receives full/partial sun light, ideally a southernly orientation, and positioned away from artificial light sources. It should not be exposed to undue disturbance whilst being accessible for occasional maintenance. The area below the box (up to 1m below) must be free of clutter e.g., branches/foliage in order for bats to safely enter/exit the box. It is recommended that boxes are of the self-cleaning variety to reduce the need for annual cleaning.

The bat box recommended to use on Site is: 2FN Schwegler bat box (or similar, self-cleaning, alternative). Refer to Figure 1 for more details.

Summary Assessment

1. Given the scale of the proposals, no impact upon any designated site is envisaged and there are no designated sites that require mitigation.
2. The survey found no priority habitats present within the red line boundary and no habitat will be lost to the development
3. There was no evidence of any protected or notable species found during the desktop survey. As such, no further surveys are required.
4. To further improve biodiversity at the Site, wildlife boxes should be installed in suitable locations to the east and southeast of the Site.

I trust this summary is sufficient.

Best wishes,

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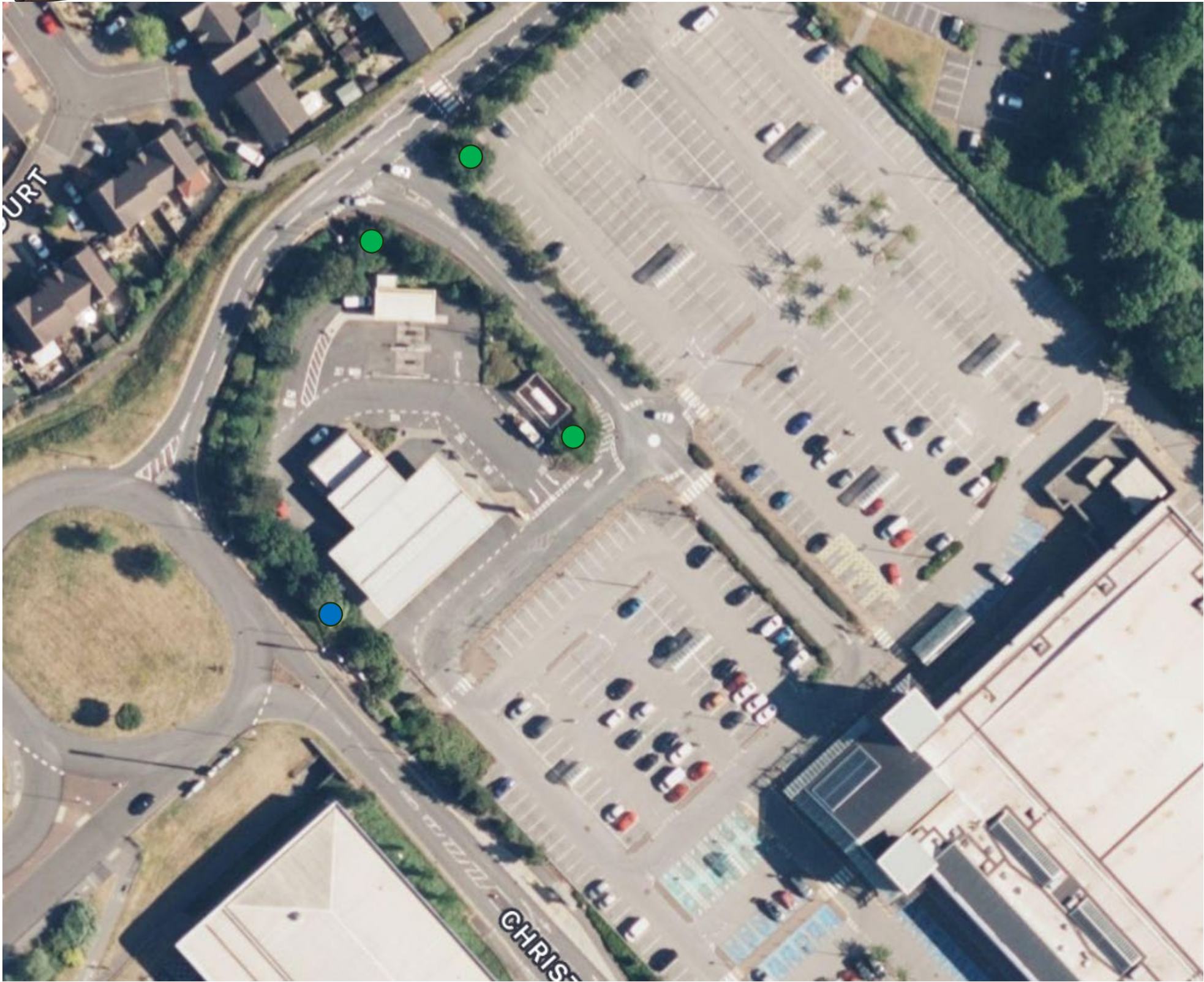


**Vivara Pro Seville 28/32mm Woodstone
Nest Box (or suitable alternative)**

- Suitable for a variety of small passerine species.
- Unsuitable for larger species such as pigeons and crows.
- Positioned ideally facing east to southeast.

**Schwegler 2FN Bat box (or a
suitable alternative)**

- To be positioned on a tree at a height of at least 4m where it receives full/partial sunlight, ideally a southerly orientation.
- Placed in an area that is not subject to disturbance from people.
- Positioned away from artificial light sources.
- At least 1m below entrance should be free from obstruction e.g., foliage.



**Figure 1
Wildlife Boxes**

-  Bat boxes
-  Bird boxes



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