

INTERNAL MEMORANDUM

Date: 17/07/2026

Planning Application Ref: P2026/0399

5 GROVES ROAD, NEATH BIODIVERSITY COMMENTS

The Countryside and Wildlife Team, in responding to the above application, provides the following substantive response:

No comment	☐
No objection (subject to any specified conditions below)	☒
Concerns have been identified (see below for how those concerns can be addressed by the applicant)	☐
Objection – on the grounds set out below	☐

Comments and recommendations:

Surveys and other requirements needed prior to determination:

Prior to determination of the application the following information is required to be submitted to inform the decision:

- None

Conditions:

If the application is to be granted it is recommended that the following be conditioned into the permission:

- The development shall be carried out in accordance with the recommendations outlined in: Section 4 of the Bat Survey Report by I&G Ecological Consulting, dated 12th June 2026.

Informatives:

If the application is to be granted it is recommended that the following informative notes be included in the permission:

- None

Biodiversity Consultation Response

The Authority must seek to maintain and enhance biodiversity in the exercise of functions in relation to Wales, and in so doing promote the resilience of ecosystems, so far as consistent with the proper exercise of those functions, under the Environment (Wales) Act 2016. It is therefore essential that the above recommendations for the conservation of biodiversity be followed to ensure that the Planning Authority complies with this statutory requirement along with the adopted guidance in the Biodiversity supplementary planning guidance and TAN 5 (2009).

If you require further clarification of any of the above points please contact Lewis Badham.

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