

Date: 20th February 2026
Ref: CORP 25/26 - 207

Dear xxx

Freedom of Information/Environmental Information Regulations request: Dormice and the European Protected Species Licences (EPSL) (CORP 25/26 - 207)

Thank you for your request for information which the Trust received on 9th December 2025. We apologise for the delay in response.

Your Request:

- 1. A copy of the NRW Monitoring Report Form (related to the Dormice EPSL) that was submitted to NRW for the deadline of 31 October 2025.*
- 2. A copy of the Nest-box data collected under the licence that has been submitted for the deadline of 1st December 2025 to the National Dormouse Monitoring Programme.*
- 3. A copy of any maps/documentation that are held on the location of the dormouse receptor sites i) initially established in October 2023 and ii) their most recent location.*
- 4. A copy of any maps that are held of where dormice have been found on the site since October 2023 and where they have been moved to.*
- 5. A copy of any written procedure for moving dormice to an alternative location.*
- 6. A copy of any plan or written documentation that exists to deal with dormice numbers in excess of 25.*
- 7. Documentation or correspondence related to the selection of the Longwood site for dormouse compensation habitat.*

Please find the Trust's response below:

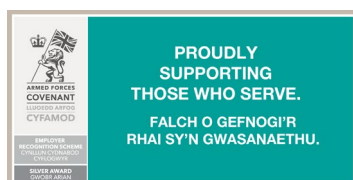
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Please see Monitoring Report Form – Appendix 1

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Nest box data for 2024 has been submitted, however no nest boxes checks were undertaken during 2025. This is in accordance with the agreed monitoring schedule.

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3. A copy of any maps/documentation that are held on the location of the dormouse receptor sites i) initially established in October 2023 and ii) their most recent location.

Please see Mitigation Plan - Appendix 2. Figure 4a: this Figure provides the location of the pre-Site Clearance nest boxes to which Dormice are relocated following a find.

4. A copy of any maps that are held of where dormice have been found on the site since October 2023 and where they have been moved to.

Please see dormouse capture and release map – Appendix 3. We have developed this from the GPS co-ordinated data from site, collected during the October 2023 clearance activities. Where Dormice have been displaced to Receptor nest boxes, this is shown.

5. A copy of any written procedure for moving dormice to an alternative location.

Please see Dormouse License Method Statement (V08) - Section E.1 – Appendix 4.

6. A copy of any plan or written documentation that exists to deal with dormice numbers in excess of 25.

Please see License S0912647/8, Condition 6 – Appendix 5

7. Documentation or correspondence related to the selection of the Longwood site for dormouse compensation habitat.

Please see email correspondence provided showing discussions between Velindre, RSK Biocensus and Cardiff Council regarding the area known as 'the Bowl' – Appendix 6.

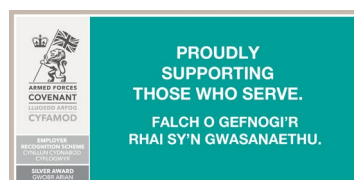
During these discussions a number of potential areas were considered which did not prove suitable.

An area adjacent to Long Wood Drive was then proposed where Cherry Laurel was locally abundant and its clearance was part of Cardiff Council's long-term management objectives.

This area was visited by all 3 parties on 9th December 2025, and the outcome of this meeting was followed up in correspondence dated 10th December 2025 – Appendix 7.

This area was proposed to NRW in early 2025. Following comments from NRW, the works area was expanded to include additional areas of enhancement.

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These proposals were agreed up with NRW and Cardiff Council and incorporated into the dormouse licence. These enhancement works aim to remove non-native species from the area, reduce shading from trees and create a dense understorey through the planting of new woody species of value to dormice (and other species).

The Trust has a legal obligation to comply with the Data Protection Act 2018 and the retained EU GDPR 679/2016 (known as UK GDPR). The Trust has redacted names and contact details, applying an Absolute Exemption under Section 40(1) and (2)(a) of the Freedom of Information Act 2000 and redacted names and contact details. which states:

- (1) *Any information to which a request for information relates is exempt information if it constitutes personal data of which the applicant is the data subject.*
- (2) *Any information to which a request for information relates is also exempt information if—
(a) it constitutes personal data which does not fall within subsection (1)*

I trust this answers your request for information, however, should you not be satisfied with the information supplied or the process of supplying it, you have a right to complain and request a review. Please note that you must submit a request for a review within 40 days of the date of this letter.

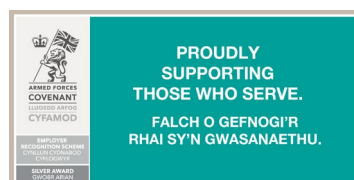
You should forward your complaint to:

Mr Ian Bevan via FOI.VUNHST@wales.nhs.uk
Head of Information Governance
Velindre University NHS Trust
2, Charnwood Court
Heol Billingsley
Parc Nantgarw
Cardiff
CF15 7QZ

Should you wish to take your complaint further, if you are still unhappy with the decision after review, you can contact the:

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Churchill Way,
Cardiff,
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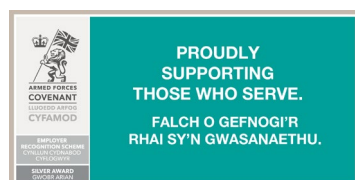
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Yours sincerely

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APPENDIX 1



Template Monitoring Report Form

This template Monitoring Report Form is to be completed in line with required monitoring conditions which are included in your European Protected Species Licence. The information given in this form will be used to determine the impact of the development on the favourable conservation status of the species concerned (Regulation 55(9) (b) of the Conservation of Habitats and Species Regulations 2017) and the success or failures of the mitigation which has been constructed for both compensation and enhancement of the site for the species which the licence was granted. It must be prepared by a professional consultant ecologist or other suitably qualified person.

Species Permitting Team, Natural Resources Wales, Maes-y-Ffynnon, Penrhosgarnedd, Bangor, Gwynedd, LL57 2DW.

Telephone: 03000 653 000

Email: specieslicence@naturalresourceswales.gov.uk

Ebost: trwyddedrhywogaeth@cyfoethnaturiolcymru.gov.uk

Online: <http://naturalresources.wales/permits-and-permissions/protected-species-licensing/?lang=en>

YOUR LOCAL BIOLOGICAL RECORDS CENTRE

Natural Resources Wales strongly advises all biological data associated with this licence is shared with your Local Biological Records Centre. It is vital you upload data to help meet our shared conservation objectives and help inform future surveys and licence applications. Please contact your local records centre directly via the website www.lrcwales.org.uk

Please confirm the records associated with this licence have been sent to the local records centre by ticking this box.

EPS Licence Reference Number:	S092647-8
List all species included on the licence:	Hazel Dormouse
Full Site Address:	Land to the north-west of Whitchurch Hospital Playing Fields, Velindre Cancer Centre, Cardiff, CF14 7ED.
Completed By:	RSK Biocensus The Old School, Stillhouse Lane BS3 4EB Bristol
Date of this report:	

Background and Supporting Information

A Background Information

Type of pre-licence survey(s) carried out	Date/s	Result
<i>Dormouse nest tube survey</i>	26/11/2024	Dormouse nest (unoccupied) in nest tube)
<i>Licensed vegetation clearance</i>	28/11/2024	Inactive winter nest found during winter vegetation clearance

A2. Briefly list other relevant information

None

C. Surveys undertaken to inform this monitoring report

Habitat monitoring and condition assessments

No nest box monitoring conducted during 2025 as set out in the project's timetable (presented in Section E).

C.1 Field survey(s).

Habitat monitoring undertaken in June and September 2025 of all areas on the site: main site, southwest corner, western end and eastern end. Monitoring carried out using assessment table as stated in method statement, see habitat monitoring report for further details. Surveys were lead by Daniel Tackie (dormouse licenced surveyor: S095605/1) with assistance from Matt Rossiter (assistant ecologists).

Limitations

No significant constraints experienced

C.2 Survey results

Summarise survey results and include appropriate supporting information (Eg. tables and clear, annotated, and cross-referenced maps/plans/photographs). Append the raw data.

Type of monitoring survey(s) carried out	Date/s	Result
<i>Assessment of woodland and scrub management for dormice across main site, eastern end, western end and southwest corner.</i>	<i>July and September 2025</i>	<i>Habitat management prescriptions being followed and habitat is establishing and becoming suitable for dormice. Remaining planting to be completed this winter (2025/26) across all enhancement areas. Ongoing requirement for habitat management works and removal of INNS (see below).</i>

C.3. Alternative submission of results

Please see accompanying monitoring report for further details of habitat monitoring results.

Survey and Site Assessment

D Conclusions and Recommendations

D.1 Conclusions

Main (construction) Site

Construction works underway and areas of retained dormouse habitat remain on periphery.

Habitat creation and planting currently restricted to translocated trees until winter 2026/27 following the completion of the construction phase. Declining or failed translocated trees noted in north section of the site, to be replaced this winter (2025/26).

Translocated trees in the south section of the site have taken well and appear to be in good health.

Reduction of Himalayan balsam recorded across the site. The plant remains present in retained areas of habitat on periphery of the site. These areas require further measures to remove and control Himalayan Balsam.

Western End

Thinning of canopy trees and coppicing of others has resulted in more light penetrating through the understory and ground layers. Woodland regeneration already underway either through seed bank, saplings and coppiced stools, and through planting stock.

Planting in and around bowl has established well and show good signs of growth. Ongoing management of bracken required next (final) year.

Translocation of planting from the bowl to Logwood Drive and other enhancement areas be carried out this winter (2025/26).

Reductions in INNS recorded both in the railway corridor and both areas; however, stands of Himalayan balsam remain amongst bracken which require ongoing management.

Removal of sycamore saplings, where they have become locally abundant and likely to suppress planted stock and regeneration of other native species.

Eastern End

Overall, the planting of the football pitch and area adjacent to the cricket has survived well despite the hot weather. Evidence of stress noted on planted yew. Vandalism adjacent to housing estate has occurred which requires replanting this winter (2025/26).

The area was replanted during winter 2024/25 of previously failed stock therefore, ongoing monitoring is required.

Ongoing management of woodland area to be carried out targeting areas of dense ash and sycamore trees, with the aim of opening-up the dense canopy layer and increasing structural diversity. Planting of nursery stock to be undertaken in created gaps.

Southwest Corner

Habitat creation and enhancement works are underway, due to be completed this winter (2025/26) following initial enhancement planting and ground remediation. The site will need to be secured due to ongoing disturbance through members of the public accessing the site through gaps in fencing and setting up tents using trees adjacent to dormouse boxes.

The area was replanted during winter 2024/25 of previously failed stock therefore, ongoing monitoring is required.

Ongoing management of grassland during summer months needed for next 2 years (minimum), to prevent grassland from out competing nursery stock.

Commencement of woodland management, i.e. thinning and coppicing of willows and birch, to provide added benefits to habitat by creating a mixture of age classes and diverse structure.

Significant reduction in INNS noted, through the removal of Himalayan balsam, buddleia, cherry laurel, Japanese rose, bamboo and ornamental varieties of dogwood and honeysuckle. Wild tulip tree remains present on site which is an undesirable non-native. Buddleia and cherry laurel regeneration from coppiced stools noted in certain areas, requiring ongoing management and control.

D.3 Recommendations

See above and accompanying report

E Timetable of Further Monitoring

Schedule of dormouse population and monitoring results provide in the table below

Year No.	Calendar Year	Dormouse population monitoring	Dormouse habitat monitoring
Construction period			
0	2023		
1	2024	Y	Y
2	2025		Y
3	2026	Y	Y
Post-construction monitoring			
4	2027		Y
5	2028	Y	Y
6	2029		Y
7	2030	Y	Y
8	2031		Y
9	2032		Y
10	2033	Y	Y
11	2034		
12	2035	Y	Y
13	2036		
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25	2048		
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30	2053		
31	2054		
32	2055	Y	Y

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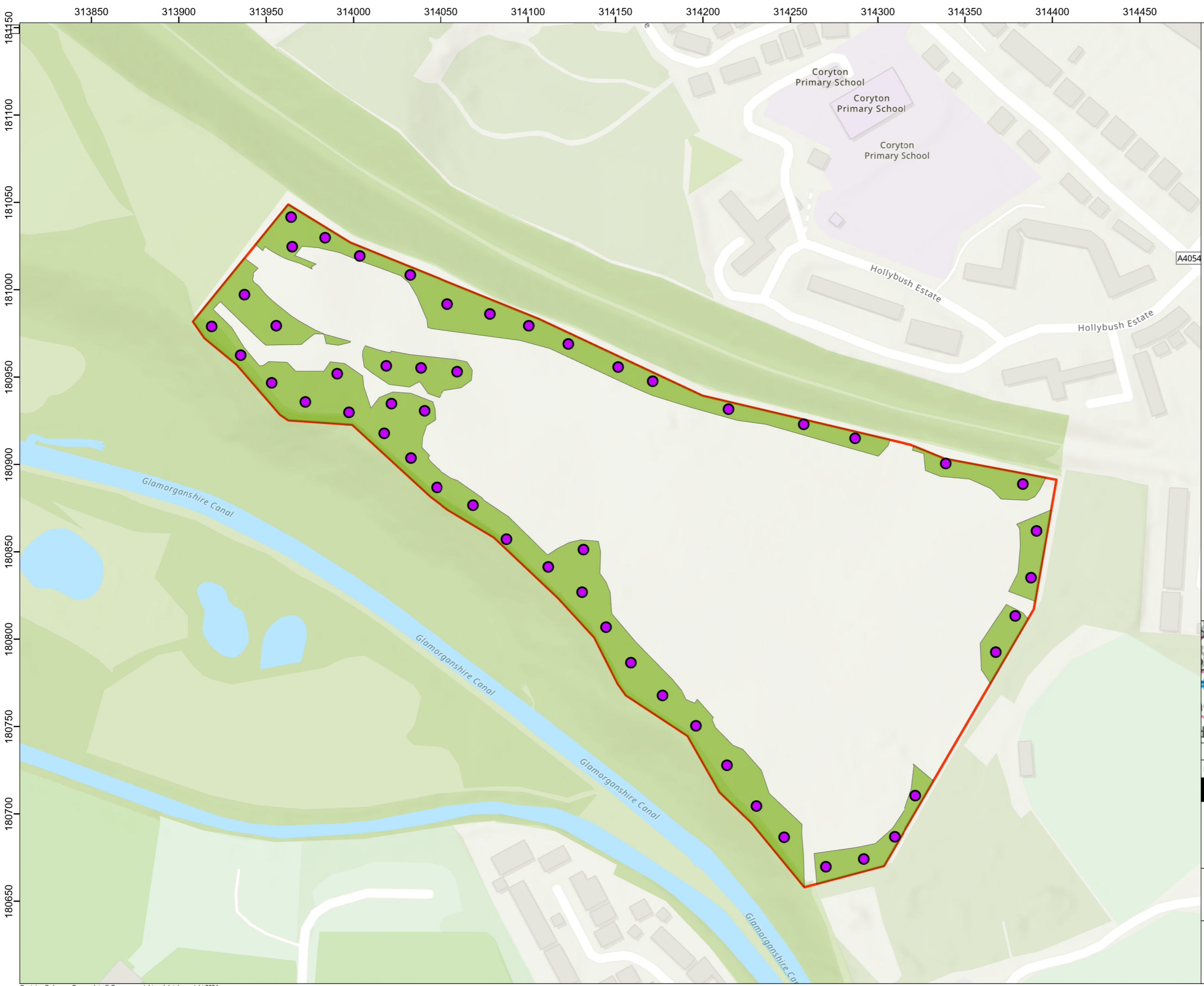
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RSK Biocensus (2025b) *New Velindre Cancer Centre (NVCC) – EPS Development Licence – Dormouse Method Statement* (Version 08) Project ref. 2484566. A technical report prepared on behalf of Sacyr Ltd & Velindre University NHS Trust.

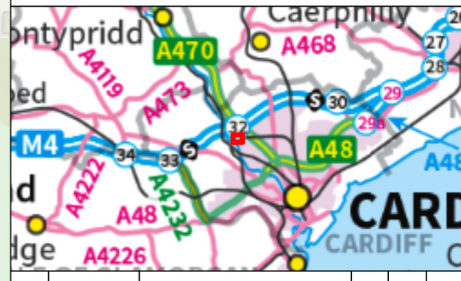
G Annexes

Additional information provided in RSK Biocensus (2025) *New Velindre Cancer Centre – Dormouse Population and Habitat Monitoring Report* (2025).

APPENDIX 2



- Legend:**
- Proposed Development Site Boundary (Main Site)
 - Dormouse Habitat to be Retained
 - Dormouse Boxes

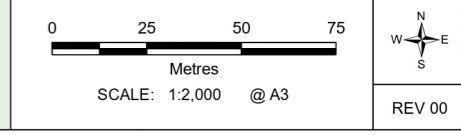


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Eco Works Cancer Centre Cardiff

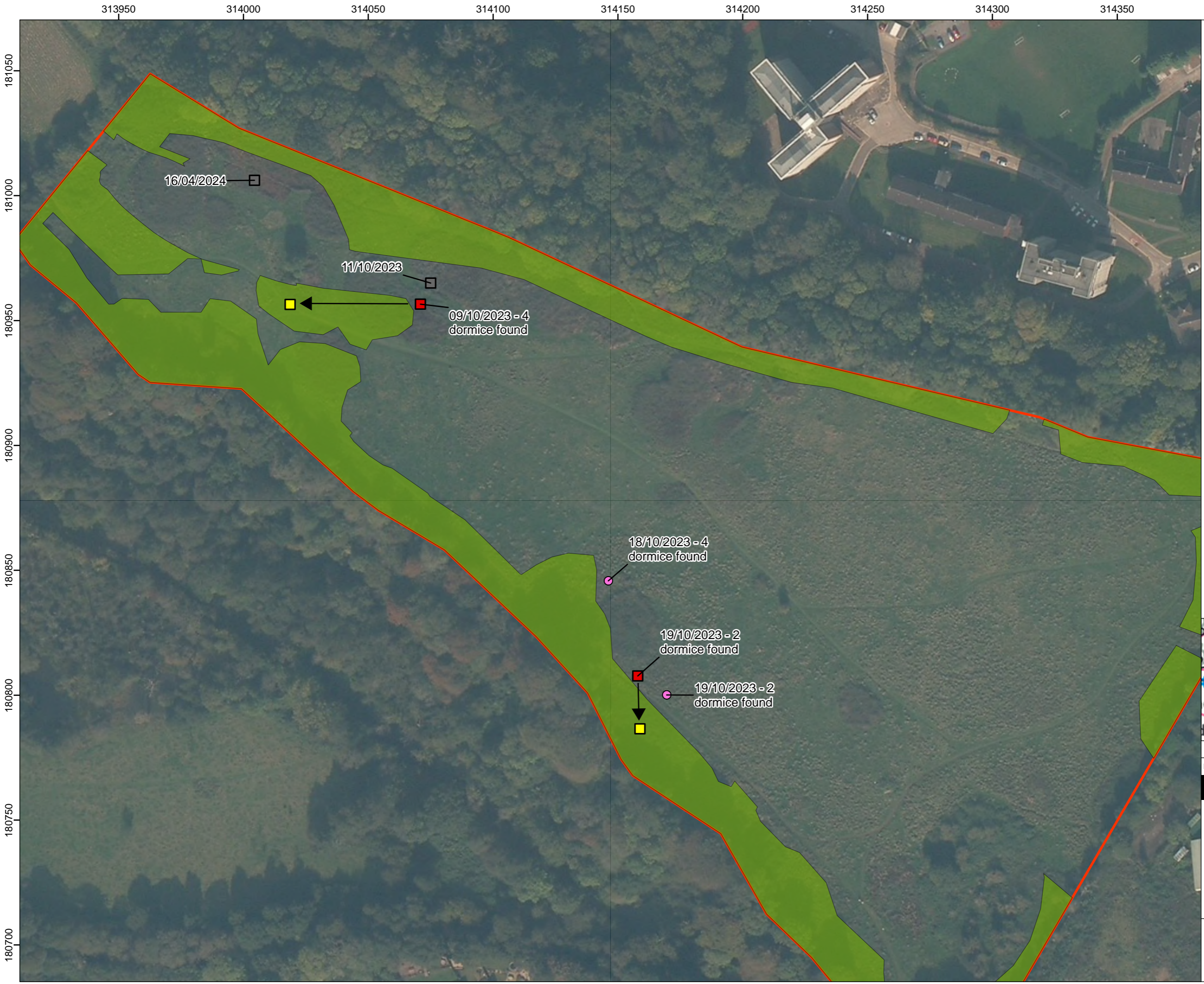


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Mitigation Plan
Main Site

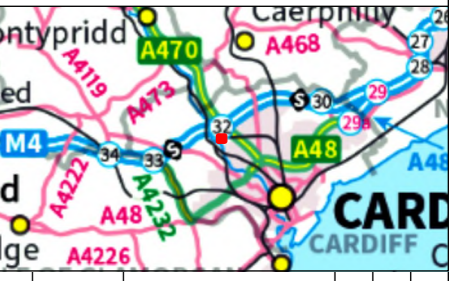


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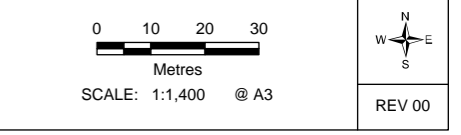
- Legend:**
- Main site boundary
 - Dormouse habitat to be retained
 - Dormice captured and released
 - Receptor nest box
 - Dormice left to vacate nest of own accord
 - Empty nest found



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New Velindre Cancer Centre

FOI Request (December 2025):
Locations of Captured and Released Dormice during Site Clearance Works



APPENDIX 4

Extract from:

Dormouse Licence Method Statement (V08), Section E.1

Spring and autumn clearance – single stage vegetation clearance

Suitable dormouse habitat within the Main Site was cleared between 15 September and 31 October 2023 (inclusive). However, further clearance between 15 April to 31 May (inclusive) or 15 September to 31 October (inclusive) during the active season for dormice (weather conditions dependant) is required to avoid both hibernation and the breeding seasons for the species. Further clearance works include:

- Single stage clearance in spring (15 April to 31 May) in years 2025, 2026 and 2027 of bramble for the creation of temporary paths to reach stands of Himalayan balsam on the Main Site and Western End (see below).
- As a contingency measure (depending on the timings for granting of the licence amendment) single stage clearance may also be used to maintain boundary scrub on the Main Site during spring (15 April to 31 May) 2025.
- ~~The clearance of vegetation in autumn (15 September and 31 October) 2025 is proposed for the Longwood Drive enhancement area for the removal of cherry laurel, felling of ash and coppicing of hazel and field maple.~~

Prior to the clearance commencing each day, a hand search for nests as part of an Ecological Watching Brief will be carried out by the licensed ecologist or their accredited agent(s). This will involve a thorough search in and around scrub to be removed, including around the base of the vegetation. Clearance works will also be supervised and vegetation periodically checked by the ecologist as works progress. Gloves will be worn to allow areas of bramble to be searched with greater ease.

Vegetation clearance areas will be demarcated with paint or tape prior to clearance, to inform clearance contractors. Vegetation removal will involve the cutting of scrub down to ground level using handheld power tools i.e., strimmers and chainsaws.

All arisings will be collected and removed from the working area. Arisings will be disposed of on-site or removed from site due to Himalayan Balsam presence in line with the INNS management plan (RSK, 2023).

Clearance of suitable dormouse vegetation will be undertaken in a unidirectional manner towards retained dormouse habitat (Image 4), at a rate of no more than 30 linear metres (m) per day. There are two distinct areas of suitable dormouse habitat requiring clearance, these will be cleared simultaneously in opposing directions, persuading any dormice present to move into retained scrub in the north-east and south-west. Two teams will be required, each overseen by the licensed ecologist or their accredited agent(s), the teams will work at an appropriate distance apart to prevent impacts to individual dormice from excess habitat removal each day.

Once the Main Site is cleared of vegetation, the extent of the working areas will be demarcated for the duration of the works so it is clear to all operatives where they may access, and which areas of habitat must not be accessed. This will be achieved through temporary fencing (or similar) to demark such areas.

If a dormouse nest is found:

In the event that a nest is discovered during spring or autumn clearance, the nest will be checked for the presence of dormice by the ecologist. If present, the animal/s will be captured and immediately translocated to one of the pre-installed nest boxes in retained habitat around the Site. Once inside, the animal will be left undisturbed and allowed to leave the nest box of its own accord.

In the highly unlikely event that breeding dormice e.g. a maternity nest, are found, they shall be left undisturbed until such time that the young dormice have become independent of their mother. Vegetation supporting and immediately adjacent to the nests (within 5 m) will be retained during this time. Vegetation clearance of other areas will be able to proceed providing no disturbance occurs. Vegetation will not be removed that is likely to result in the isolation of any occupied nest/s, and a continuous corridor of habitat shall be retained to allow animals to move into permanently retained habitat (the size of which will be subject to Ecological Clerk of Works (ECoW) approval). The nest and retained vegetation will only be removed once the nest has become inactive during the licensable period.

APPENDIX 5

Extract from:

Licence S092647/8 - Condition 6

6. If dormice are found during the course of work in higher numbers than **25** (including dormice already found), all work will cease and will not recommence until the NRW Species Permitting Team has advised that the work may continue under the existing licence, or if an amended licence is required, until the Lead Licensee applies for and receives an amended licence

APPENDIX 6

[REDACTED]

From: FOI VUNHST
Sent: 13 January 2026 15:06
To: FOI VUNHST
Subject: FW: the bowl - DEC 2025 FOI CORRESPONDENCE EVIDENCE FOR QUESTION 7 - ITEM 01

From: [REDACTED]
Sent: 25 November 2024 08:09
To: [REDACTED]
Subject: RE: the bowl

Hi [REDACTED], hope you're well
Has there been any progress re this at FF recently. We are going to submit an EPSDL Amendment Application soon and need to capture any available proposals, and progress any required permissions of course.
I spoke to [REDACTED] last week and he noted there have been some surveys by the Rangers recently – could we have a catch-up this week please?
Regards
[REDACTED]

From: [REDACTED]
Sent: Thursday, October 17, 2024 8:47 AM
To: [REDACTED]
Subject: RE: the bowl

agree

From: [REDACTED]
Sent: Thursday, October 17, 2024 8:44 AM
To: [REDACTED]
Subject: Re: the bowl

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Not sure if Nrw will be satisfied but only one way to find out!

[REDACTED]

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From: [REDACTED]
Sent: Thursday, October 17, 2024 8:43:06 AM
To: [REDACTED]
Subject: RE: the bowl

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ALLANOL: Daw'r e-bost hwn o'r tu allan i Gyngor Caerdydd, cymerwch ofal wrth glicio ar ddolenni.

Sounds like progress potentially, keep us informed.

Thank you

From: [REDACTED]
Sent: Thursday, October 17, 2024 8:18 AM
To: [REDACTED]
Subject: Re: the bowl

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Just to add, [REDACTED] wants us to set up a meeting with him included and NRW soon. I think he's getting pressure.

Will call you,

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From: [REDACTED]
Sent: Thursday, October 17, 2024 8:16:54 AM
To: [REDACTED]
Subject: Re: the bowl

Getting there! Just pulling some suggestions together with [REDACTED]

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To: [REDACTED]
Subject: RE: the bowl

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ALLANOL: Daw'r e-bost hwn o'r tu allan i Gyngor Caerdydd, cymerwch ofal wrth glicio ar ddolenni.

Morning [REDACTED]

Has there been any progress on this front in the last week?

Regards

From: [REDACTED]

Sent: Tuesday, September 10, 2024 10:35 AM

To: [REDACTED]

Subject: Re: the bowl

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We have a network of hedges at Forest farm that get layed periodically so we may be able to include some of that too. Will have a look.

[REDACTED]

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From: [REDACTED]

Sent: Tuesday, September 10, 2024 10:14:27 AM

To: [REDACTED]

Subject: RE: the bowl

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ALLANOL: Daw'r e-bost hwn o'r tu allan i Gyngor Caerdydd, cymerwch ofal wrth glicio ar ddolenni.

Thanks [REDACTED]

Thought that was the case for new planting but wanted to double check. In that case, if there are any local woodlands where coppicing and management for dormice is already underway or needs to take place please let us know.

One other possible approach could be hedgerow management, which could relay hedgerows and enter them into a 10 to 15 year cycle. Could that be a possibility? We would need the equivalent of 0.2 ha, but every little helps.

[REDACTED]



[REDACTED]

RSK Biocensus

[REDACTED]

From: [REDACTED]

Sent: 10 September 2024 08:59

To: [REDACTED]

Subject: RE: the bowl

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Thanks [REDACTED],

I'll have a look at what we have around that might be possible to include in management work. There isn't any creation space in Forest Farm. We have already planted everything we want planted pretty much. If we had known we may of held back on some of the last rounds of planting.

I'm glad the meeting with [REDACTED] went ok. I'm aware there will no doubt have to be compromise to some extent but needed you to see what had been agreed and consulted on before what we ended up with came into being. This in itself was a compromise.

[REDACTED]

From: [REDACTED]

Sent: Tuesday, September 10, 2024 8:20 AM

To: [REDACTED]

Subject: RE: the bowl

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ALLANOL: Daw'r e-bost hwn o'r tu allan i Gyngor Caerdydd, cymerwch ofal wrth glicio ar ddolenni.

Thanks [REDACTED] will see what we can do and will let you know.

Appreciate the diagram shows the grassland area is being retained, as well as some scrub removal which will prove difficult given the objectives of the licence for this location. Will go away and have a think but most likely we will have to settle on some sort of compromise which will be determined on what we can achieve elsewhere.

To keep you updated, our meeting with [REDACTED] (NRW) went well but unfortunately weren't able to get any closer to finding a solution. We discussed the possibility of an off-site compensation area within land owned / under the control of Forest Friends/ Cardiff Council which we could use ideally for habitat

creation (i.e. planting) or entering into a 30-year management cycle funded by the Trust. NRW would prefer habitat creation but weren't completely against this approach for the habitat management approach, but we would have to put the case forward. Are there are other sites of existing woodland which you think might be appropriate for habitat creation or entering into management for dormice? The critical factor would be to make sure the works are of benefit to the local dormouse population.

Regards

[Redacted]



[Redacted]

RSK Biocensus
The Old School, Stillhouse Lane, Bedminster, Bristol, BS3 4EB

[Redacted]

Webpage: www.biocensus.co.uk

From: [Redacted] >

Sent: 09 September 2024 09:14

To: [Redacted]

Subject: the bowl

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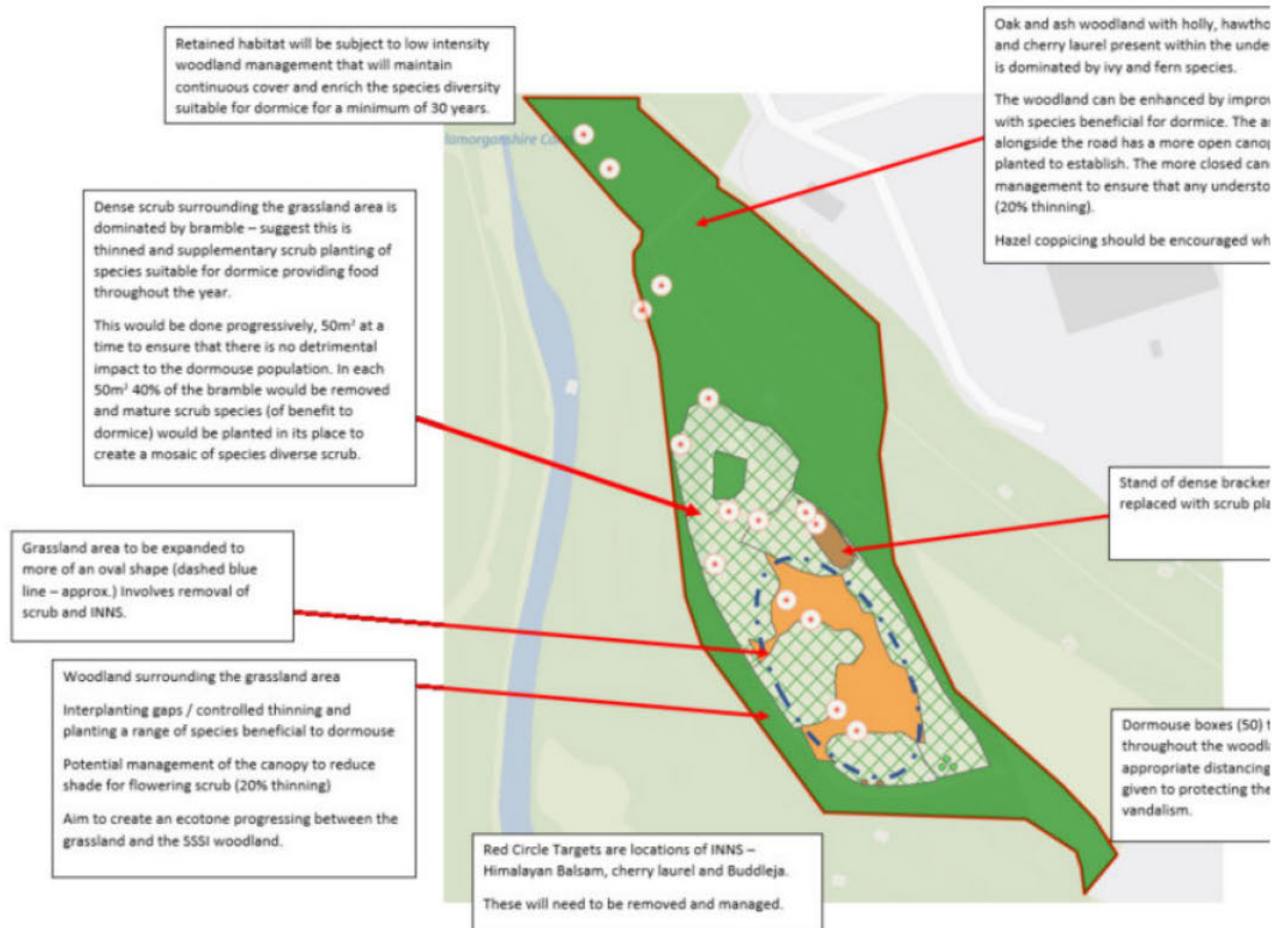
Lovely to meet you in person last week. Sorry I didn't send this to you last week I just ran out of time.

This was the original plans for our top meadow that were consulted on within the dormouse mitigation plans through the planning process. It was discussed and agreed with Justin and myself in advance as well as the trust and NRW. Its also what the Friends saw through the planning process. As you can see its somewhat different to what was put in place on site. I'm not sure how close we can get to this realistically but any improvements will be welcomed.

Many Thanks

[Redacted]

Figure 5: Summary of Yellow Area (Top Meadow) Compensation Measures



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APPENDIX 7

[REDACTED]

From: FOI VUNHST
Sent: 13 January 2026 15:23
To: FOI VUNHST
Subject: FW: NVCC, Cardiff - EPS licence amendment and Long Wood Enhancement Area - DEC 2025 FOI CORRESPONDENCE EVIDENCE FOR QUESTION 7 - ITEM 02

From: [REDACTED]
Sent: 10 December 2024 12:04
To: [REDACTED]
Cc: [REDACTED]
Subject: Re: NVCC, Cardiff - EPS licence amendment and Long Wood Enhancement Area

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Thanks [REDACTED]

I think this all sounds fine to me.

I'd rather miss the bramble out of the planting in this area. It will come in naturally as we are not short of it.

The location is not longwood (that is the SSSI) but on the Forest Farm nature reserve in our area compartment 2c section adjacent to Longwood drive and the industrial estate. So not sure how best for you to describe. Many areas you already have on the licence have compartment identification within our MP.

[REDACTED]

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ALLANOL: Daw'r e-bost hwn o'r tu allan i Gyngor Caerdydd, cymerwch ofal wrth glicio ar ddolenni.

Morning [REDACTED],

Following up on our site meeting yesterday, I have drafted the below text in relation to the proposed enhancement area in Long Wood. If we want to include this within the EPS licence amendment then I would like a decision this week (if possible) to allow a submission before the Christmas break. Having seen the site and discussed the area with yourself and [REDACTED], I feel the area would most benefit from the removal of cherry laurel, thinning of dense ash stands (northern end only), coppicing of existing hazel and field maple (and allowed to regenerate) and replanting with native species to create a dense understory of value to dormice and other species. Below is an appraisal of the area, what is likely to be required and rough timescales

Long Wood Enhancement Area

- Located on periphery of mixed broadleaved woodland, predominately comprising of ash, with locally frequent sweet chestnut, sycamore and beech. Other species present include birch, alder and field maple. Dense tree canopy layer present covering approx. 95% of the area. Dense stands of cherry laurel present along entire length, dominating approximately 60 % of understorey cover. Native species in the understorey largely lacking and limited to small patches of bramble, hazel and field maple covering 20%. Remaining 20% devoid of understory vegetation. Small areas of locally abundant (mature) hazel and field maple present in southern half. Patches of bramble occurring frequent across most of the area.
- Length of proposed works approx. 316 m, varying in width (9 to 10 m) to provide 290 m² (0.29 ha) of enhancement needed
- Proposed enhancement measures to include
 - removal all cherry laurel (mature and young plants) from enhancement area. Mature stumps to remain in place and treated with stump/plug herbicide. Young plants (too small for herb treatment) to be unrooted and removed. Ongoing requirement to monitor and repeat herb treatments as required.
 - 10 % reduction of canopy cover in northern section by 10 %, targeting ash trees in decline with ash-dieback
 - Coppicing of mature hazel and field maple to encourage regeneration from stools
 - **First phase:** vegetation clearance to occur between 15 Sept to 31 October to prepare the site for replanting.
 - Vast majority of cut wood to be taken away, however scope to create habitat piles, 4 x habitat piles measuring up to 4 m in length and 1.5 m in height. Potential for creation of dead hedges, though no fragmentation issues identified
 - **Second phase:** replanting with native species to occur during winter 2025/26. Species list to be similar (or the same) as per existing specifications within EPS licence, to include native, understory species such as hazel (majority), hawthorn, blackthorn, field maple, oak, honeysuckle, elder and bramble
- Some consideration will also be required for the “trail” which passes through /adjacent to the area within landscaping design plans, and the use of fencing to reduce access and damage to saplings.

Should you have any extra feedback or comments please let me know



Long Wood Enhancenet Area



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