

### **EEL Land North of Tregunwith Wood, Tregunwith, Mylor Bridge**

This note has been written following a desk-based review of the Refused Planning Application number: PA20/08566 on Land North of Tregunwith Wood, Tregunwith, Mylor Bridge, OS grid reference SW 80707 37964. This application seeks permission for the erection of an agricultural building (barn) and temporary dwelling (mobile home) on an open field on the southwestern shore of Restronguet Creek.

Following a review of aerial photography, the site appears to be agricultural grassland under some level of management. A mature broadleaf treeline separates the site from the creek and is likely to provide habitat for nesting birds, foraging birds and bat species and potentially provide roosting habitat for bats species. The proposals do not appear to impact this treeline and a buffer will be present to protect the trees and the roost protection zone.

Hedgerows surrounding the field, which characterise the agricultural landscape within the area, will not be impacted upon by the proposed development. These are likely to provide habitat for nesting birds and foraging bats as well as small mammals. Opportunities to gap up these hedgerows will be undertaken to maintain and enhance the boundaries of the site.

Given the management of the grassland it is likely to be of low ecological value and species poor, providing limited habitat for protected species.

Mitigation and enhancement measures could be implemented to increase biodiversity and provide a net gain at the site. These should include;

- 🐦 As part of the design and layout considered, bird nesting boxes (both small-hole and open-fronted) should be placed within the site if possible. This will create nesting opportunities for small bird species as part of the overall design.
- 🦇 As part of the design and layout considered, bat boxes should be placed on or around the site boundaries if possible. This could create roosting opportunities for bat species as part of the overall design.

- ☛ As part of the design and layout, the BCT guidance on bats and artificial lighting should be considered.