

Green Infrastructure Statement:

Minor Development / Homeowner

Site Address: 18 Neath Road, Tonna, Neath SA11 3DJ

Proposed Development: Single storey side & rear extensions

Site description: The property is a semi-detached property with front, side and rear areas. The front consists of a tarmac driveway with a raised bedding area. The side consists of the continuation of the tarmac driveway leading towards the existing side extension and rear access. The rear area includes a large lawned garden, patio area, the existing extensions and outbuildings and a raised patio area towards the rear of the plot. Timber fence boundaries exist to all sides.



View of front elevation showing existing tarmac driveway and raised bedding area.



View of rear of property with existing rear extension and area to the right where the proposed extended rear extension will be sited. Existing raised lawn area can be seen in the foreground.



View of rear garden area including outbuilding to remain and large raised lawn area with concrete path leading to the rear of the plot. Timber fence boundaries can be seen to both neighbours.



View of existing side extension to be replaced and tarmac area leading to the side access.



View of rear elevation and existing patio area where the new extension will be sited.

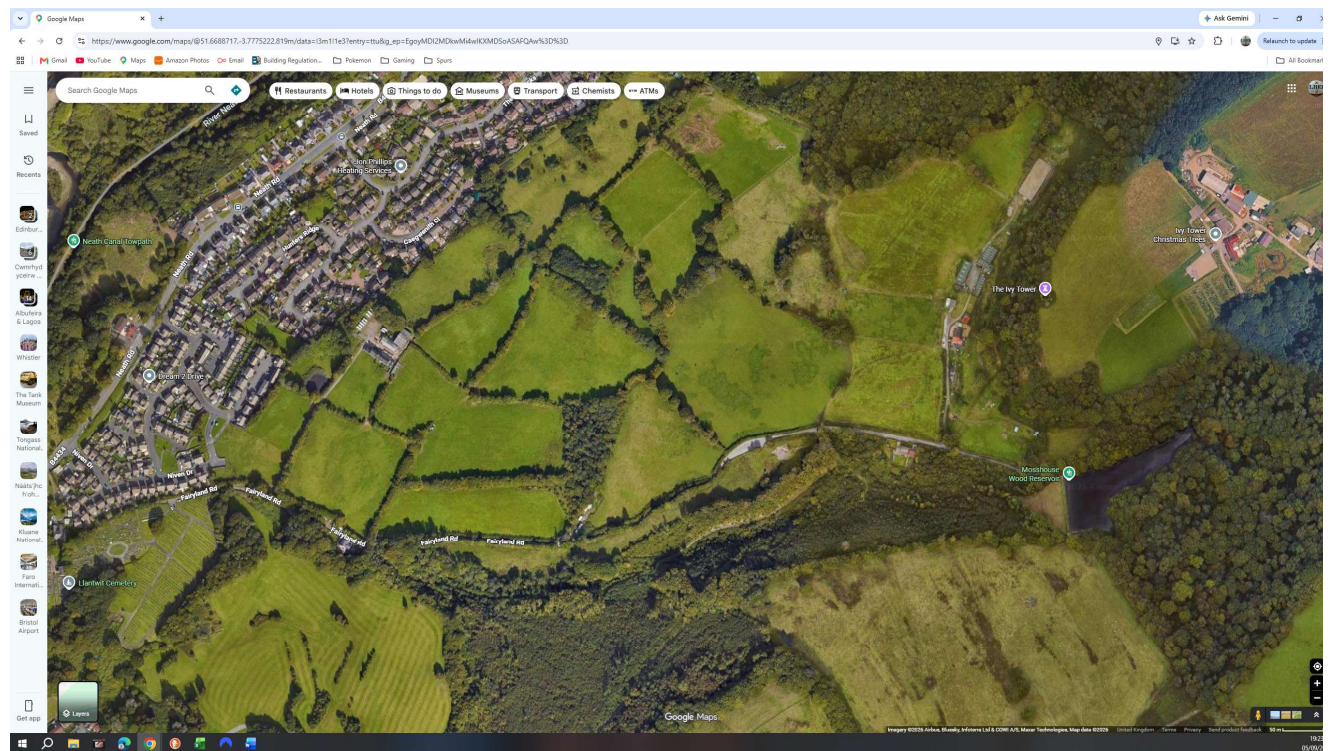
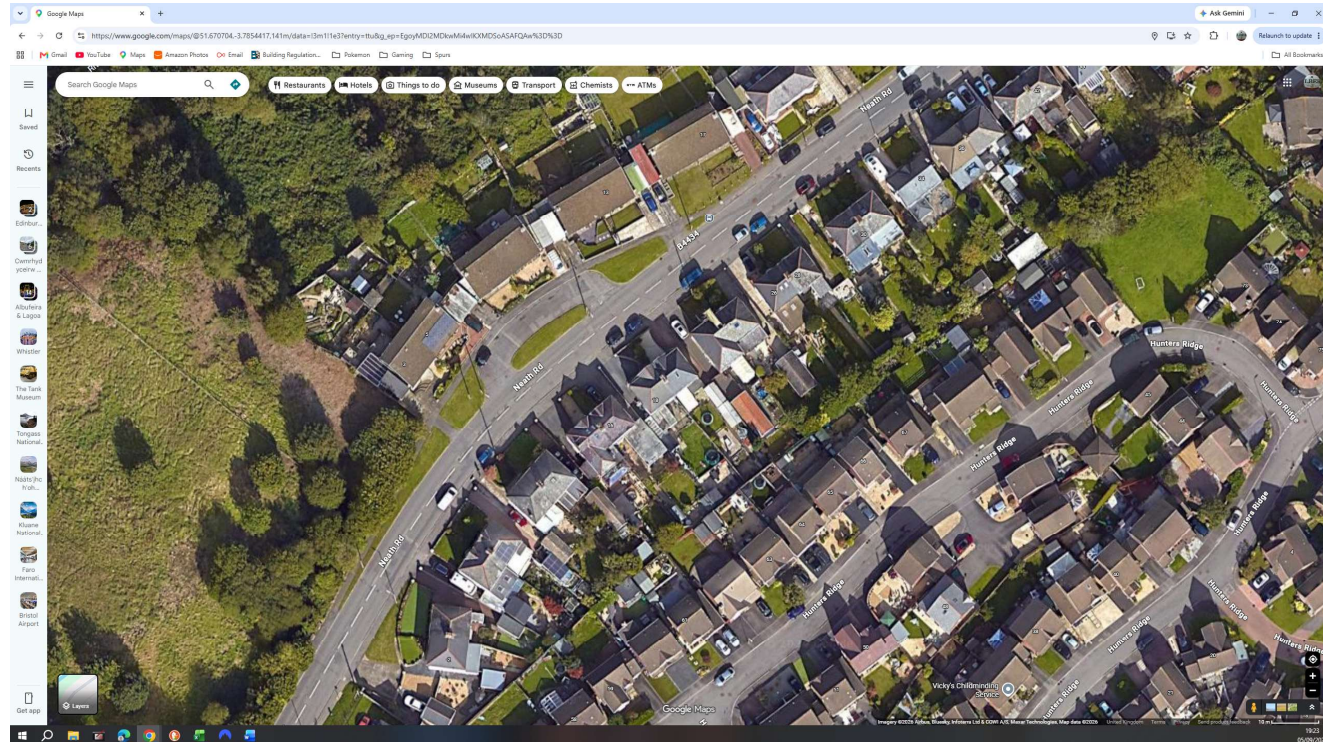


View towards rear of the garden with large lawned area and concrete path leading to the upper patio area



View of upper patio area with raised patio and some existing outbuildings. Timber panelled boundaries can be seen to all sides.

Surrounding Area description: The application site is in the village of Tonna on the outskirts of Neath town centre. Similar properties surround the site, as can be seen in the first image. The second image shows the vast areas of habitats and green space available in the near surrounding areas.



Development Impacts:

The application is for a single storey rear and side extensions, part of which will be built over the site of an existing side extension. The other side extension will be sited over an existing patio area and so no green space, or habitats will be removed or affected as part of this development. The boundaries will all remain the same. Even though no green space or habitats will be removed as part of the development it is proposed to provide the following improvements:

Biodiversity Enhancements Proposed

It is proposed to provide the following:

Provide RSPB approved classic nest box or other nest box for House Sparrow:

Wooden with 3 Sub-divisions to support 3 nesting pairs. To be placed

Under the eaves of buildings.

Entrance holes: 32mm diameter

Dimensions: H310 x W370 x D185mm

This would create additional connectivity, and nesting habitats which were not part of the property at present.

Conclusion.

It is considered that subject to the above, that the proposed development would enhance biodiversity, build resilient ecological networks, and deliver net benefits for biodiversity by creating habitats which were not present at the property before the client decided on the development.

Signed JHEvans

Dated. 1st September 2026