

Green Infrastructure Statement:

Minor Development / Homeowner

Site Address: 55 Gwaun Afan, Cwmavon, Port Talbot, SA12 9EJ

Proposed Development: Single storey rear extension and garage conversion

Site description: The property is a semi-detached property with front, side and rear areas. The front area consisting of a tarmac and gravel area with patio slabs, driveways. The side includes a patio slabbed path, leading to the rear garden area. The rear garden area includes an existing conservatory extension with large patio and blockwork/brickwork surrounding walls. There are no trees, shrubbery or planted areas on the site.



View of rear/side elevation and where the rear extension will be sited over the existing patio area



Further view of rear/side elevations including existing conservatory extension and large patio area



View of rear elevation with blockwork walls to neighbouring sides and large patio area



View of rear of plot including brickwork/blockwork rear boundary wall

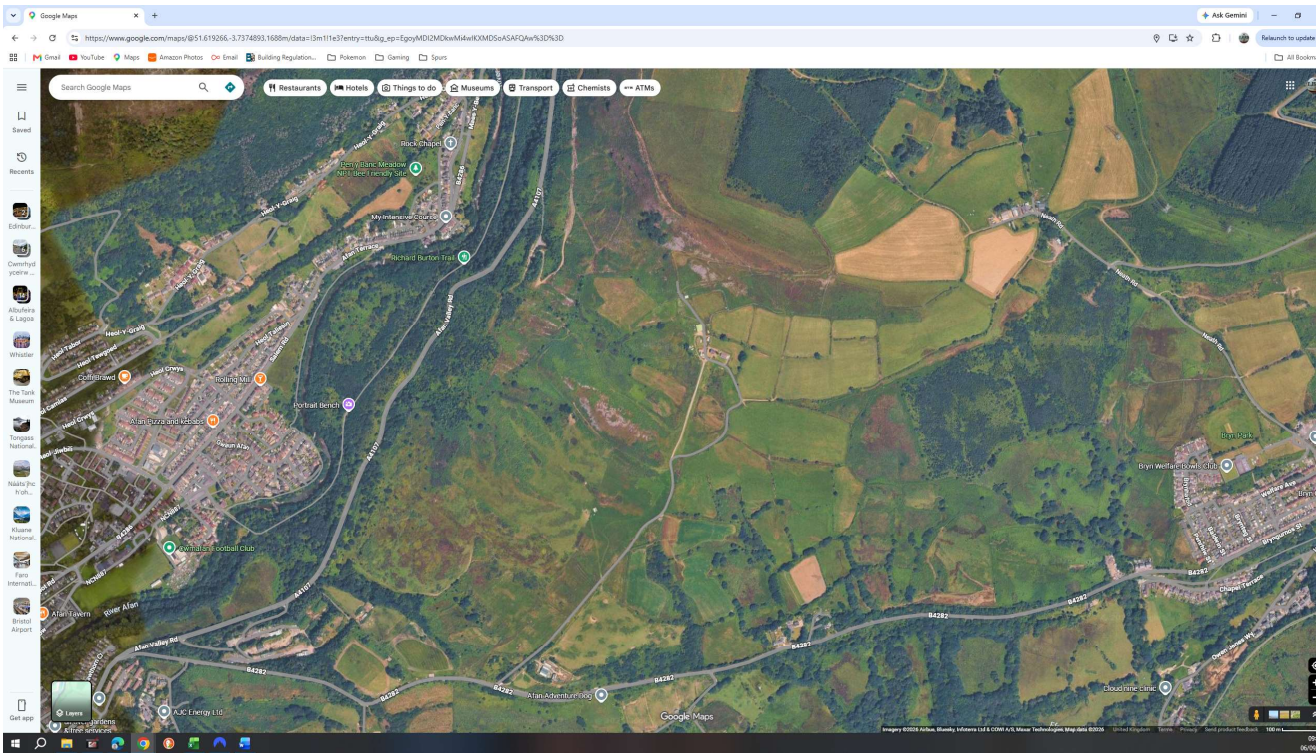
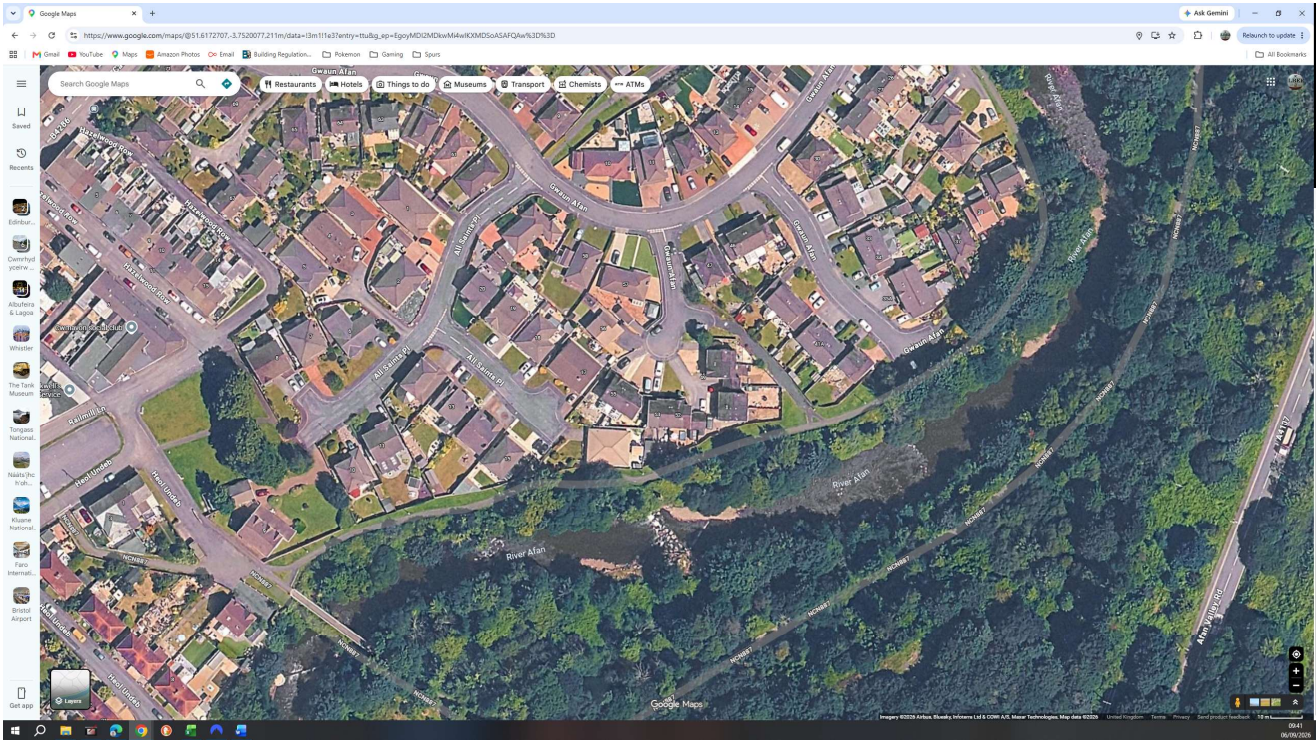


View of front elevation with garage, which is to be converted and gravel and tarmac driveways



Close up view of existing garage, off which the new rear extension will be sited.

Surrounding Area description: The application site is in the village of Cwmavon on the outskirts of Port Talbot 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 extension and garage conversion. The conversion will obviously be of the existing garage area, and the rear extension will be sited over a current patio area. This means no green space nor habitats will be removed or disturbed as part of this development. 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