

Green Infrastructure Statement:

Minor Development / Homeowner

Site Address: 4 Westlands, Aberavon, Port Talbot SA12 7BW

Proposed Development: Single storey side/rear extension

Site description: The property is a detached property with front, side and rear areas. The front consists of a patterned concrete driveway with a small lawn area. The right side consists of a hard surfaced path leading towards the rear garden and small lawn area. The left side consisting of the continuation of the patterned concrete driveway, leading to the rear extension area. The rear area includes a lawned garden, hard surfaced patio area, the existing extension, existing raised surface area and the mature trees and shrubbery.



View of rear garden area with lawn and bedded area including some mature shrubbery and trees.



View of existing garden area with mature trees and shrubbery which will all remain unaffected. Blockwork boundary walls to neighbours can be seen.



View of rear garden view with lawn and patio area. Existing outbuilding to be rebuilt can be seen partially.



Existing extension which is to be rebuilt in same location and small additional side extension will be positioned on the existing patio area in the foreground.



A further view of the extension to be rebuilt and the location of the proposed new rear extension. Existing patio and lawn can be seen.



View of front elevation of property with patterned concrete driveway and small lawn area.



View of left side of property with patterned concrete pathway leading to side access door and existing extension



Closer view of existing extension to be replaced and where new roof canopy will be sited. Timber panelled and blockwork boundary to left side can be seen.

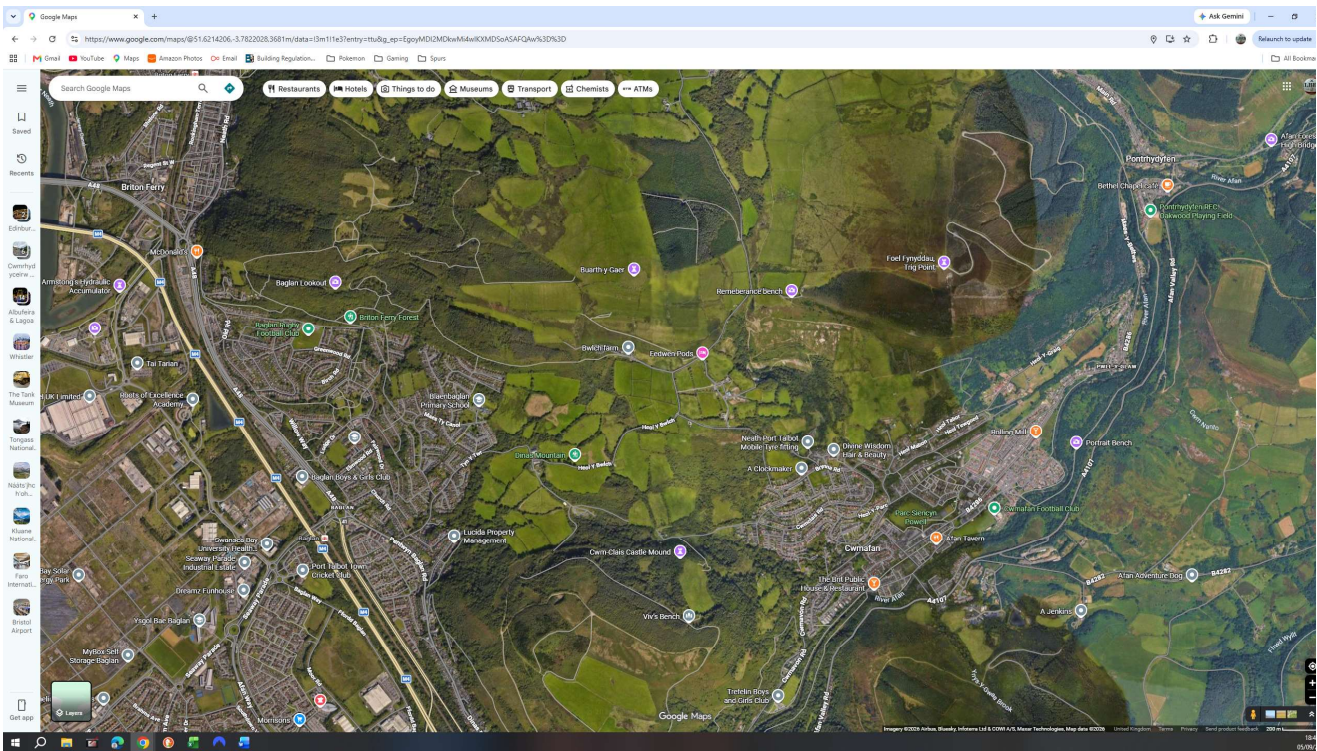
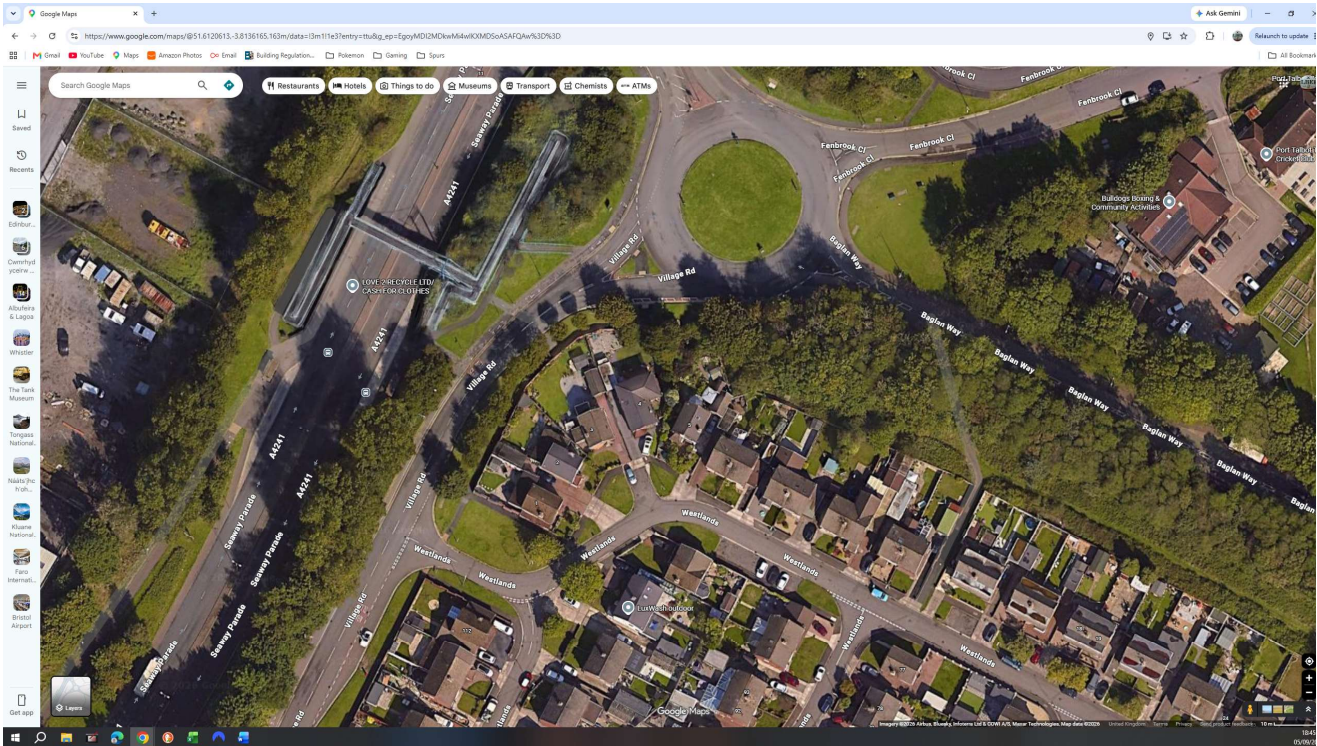


View of rear boundary area with brickwork and blockwork boundary walls and existing raised area.



View of right side of property with blockwork boundary wall, small lawn and hard-surfaced area leading to the rear garden area.

Surrounding Area description: The application site is in the area of Sandfields 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 and side extension, the majority of which will be built over the site of an existing extension. No trees, lawns or green space will be removed or affected as part of the development. No habitats will be removed or affected in anyway. The boundaries will all remain the same. The small link area extension will be sited on an existing hard surfaced patio area. 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