

Green Infrastructure Statement

Site Address:

Bryncoch RFC, Ty Llwd Road, Bryncoch,
Neath SA10 7DQ

Planning Application Ref: P2026/0482

Proposed Development:

Installation of a raised platform for the use of spectators and disable members of the Club with galvanised steel frame and deck, together with the installation of an internal 4 person Lift, for disable access to the first floor

Site Description

The application site forms part of an established multi-sport facility at Bryncoch RFC. The specific area of development is located within the sports ground and historically accommodated an older two-bay cricket net system. The former facility has

deteriorated over time and is no longer safe or in use, although elements of the original base remain in situ.

The site consists primarily of managed grass surfaces used for organised sport.

Surrounding Area Description

The application site is located within an established sports ground in Bryncoch, Neath Port Talbot. The surrounding area is characterised by sports pitches, clubhouse facilities, and areas of mature trees and vegetation along the site boundaries. There are limited nearby residential properties, and the character of the area is defined by recreational and community uses.

Development Impacts

The proposed development will result in **no loss of trees, hedgerows, or significant vegetation**. The works are confined to an existing sports training area and will not extend into previously undeveloped land.

The existing area is currently being used as a car park and is well within the footprint of the car park. Trees and boundary vegetation will remain unaffected.

No external lighting is proposed as part of the development, and therefore there will be no lighting-related impacts on local biodiversity.

Biodiversity Enhancements Proposed

A bird nesting box will be installed as a biodiversity enhancement, which is considered **proportionate to the scale of the proposed development**.

Design:

A suitable small bird nesting box constructed of durable, weather-resistant materials.

Location:

The bird box will be positioned on a mature tree located adjacent to the proposed cricket nets, within the existing tree belt surrounding the sports ground. The box will be installed at a minimum height of **3 metres above ground level** and oriented to provide a suitable nesting environment.

Impact:

The provision of a bird box will create additional nesting opportunities and contribute to local biodiversity, improving ecological connectivity within the existing green infrastructure network.

Conclusion

It is considered that, subject to the measures outlined above, the proposed development will **maintain and enhance biodiversity**, support resilient ecological networks, and deliver a net biodiversity benefit appropriate to the scale of the development. Any potential adverse environmental effects are minimal and appropriately mitigated.

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