

Green Infrastructure Statement:

Minor Development / Homeowner

Site Address: 4 Dyffryn Road, Alltwen, SA8 3BX

Proposed Development: Rebuilding of an existing, structurally unstable retaining wall further back from its current line, with the stone reused on site, the retained earth removed by a local farmer for reuse, and a patio for log store storage created in place of the former decking area.

Site description: A semi-detached, two-storey dwelling. The front garden is bounded by a wall separating it from the road (there is no pavement). The front and side areas of the property comprise patio and driveway (hard surfaced). The rear garden includes the existing retaining wall which is the subject of the proposed works, a grassed area and a mature tree located at the top (far end) of the garden, both of which are unaffected by the proposed works. A shed is sited at the far end (rear boundary) of the garden. Facing the front of the property: the left-hand boundary is a dry stone wall; the right-hand boundary currently has no wall or fence, and adjoins a neighbouring unoccupied property (see Surrounding Area description below).

Surrounding Area description: The property is attached to one neighbouring dwelling, which is currently unoccupied. The property on the other side is also unoccupied and is currently an unfinished shell of a house.

Development Impacts:

The retaining wall works are required for safety reasons, as the existing wall has become structurally unstable. The wall will be rebuilt further back from its current line; this is a hard-landscaping change only. The new patio will occupy the footprint previously covered by timber decking — a like-for-like replacement of one hard surface for another. The grassed area and mature

tree at the top of the garden are both unaffected and no vegetation, hedges or trees are being removed. No external lighting is proposed, no new access points are proposed, and no other changes beyond those described above form part of this application.

Noting that :Replacement planting shall be at a ratio equivalent to the quality, environmental and ecological importance of the tree(s) lost and this must be preferably onsite, or immediately adjacent to the site, and at a minimum ratio of at least 3 trees of a similar type and compensatory size planted for every 1 lost. Not applicable to this proposal, as no trees are being removed.

Biodiversity Enhancements Proposed

It is proposed to install a bird nesting box, sited on the new log store structure.

This would provide an additional nesting habitat within the garden, in a location unaffected by the proposed works.

Conclusion.

It is considered that subject to the above, that the proposed development would maintain and / or enhance biodiversity, build resilient ecological networks and deliver net benefits for biodiversity by retaining the existing tree and grassed area at the top of the garden unaffected, reusing materials from the works on site, and providing an additional bird nesting box within the garden.

Thus ensuring that any adverse environmental effects are avoided.

Signed: Tomos Ware

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