

Green Infrastructure Statement

Minor Development / Householder

Site Address: 13 Main Road, Bryncoch, Neath, SA10 7PD

Proposed Development: Alterations to the front driveway. The existing sloping drive will be dug out to form a level parking area for two vehicles, with an entrance across the full width of the site. This includes a retaining wall at the back of the parking area, a short retaining wall on one side, steps up to the house, and porous hard surfacing (Porous tarmac or resin).

Site Description

A house with front and rear gardens. The front garden has a sloping driveway that rises up to the house. It is reached through a narrow entrance. The rest of the front garden is covered in decorative chippings, and the front boundary is a dry stone wall. Both side boundaries are hedges.

There is one cabbage palm in the front garden, entirely within the site boundary. It is not protected by a Tree Preservation Order and the site is not in a conservation area. The rear garden is not affected by the proposal. See Plan – Existing and the Block Plan.

Surrounding Area Description

The site is one of a row of houses facing Main Road. (see Block Plan).

Development Impacts

The works are limited to the front garden. The expected impacts, and how they are dealt with, are as follows:

- Tree loss: one cabbage palm will be removed, because it stands inside the area that has to be dug out to create a level parking area.
- Hedges: both side hedges will be kept and will not be touched.
- No lawn or planted beds will be lost.
- Front boundary: the dry stone wall will be taken down to form the full-width entrance.
- No work to the roof or the house is proposed.
- Nesting birds: the palm will be removed, and the work next to the hedges carried out, outside the bird nesting season (March to August). If that is not possible, the vegetation will first be checked for active nests.

Biodiversity Enhancements Proposed

In addition to retaining the existing hedges, a bird nest box will be added to the house to make up for the removal of the palm tree.

Signed: Matthew Parry

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