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**NEATH PORT TALBOT COUNTY BOROUGH COUNCIL
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**TOWN AND COUNTRY PLANNING ACT 1990
THE TOWN AND COUNTRY PLANNING (DEVELOPMENT MANAGEMENT
PROCEDURE)(WALES) ORDER 2012**

APPROVAL OF FULL PLANNING PERMISSION

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DATE REGISTERED: 9 July 2020

APPLICATION NO: P2020/0614

LOCATION: Land At 15 Glyn Road, Lower Brynamman, SA18 1SS

PROPOSAL: Detached dwelling and detached garage

NEATH PORT TALBOT COUNTY BOROUGH COUNCIL as the Local Planning Authority in pursuance of its power under the above mentioned Act and Order hereby **GRANTS PLANNING PERMISSION** for the development as described above to be carried out in accordance with the application and the plans submitted therewith, subject to compliance with the following conditions:

Conditions:-

Time Limit Conditions

- 1 The development shall begin no later than five years from the date of this decision.

Reason:

To comply with the requirements of Section 91 of the Town and Country Planning Act 1990.

List of Approved Plans

- 2 The development shall be carried out in accordance with the following approved plans and documents:
 - Drawing number: 001 Site Location Plan
 - Drawing number: 002 Rev B - Existing survey / existing and proposed sections
 - Drawing number: 003 Rev D - Proposed site plan

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- Drawing number: 004 Rev B - existing and proposed site sections
- Drawing number: 005 Rev A - proposed elevations
- Drawing number: 006 Rev B - proposed floor plans
- Drawing number: 007 Rev B - proposed garage details

Reason:

In the interests of clarity.

Pre-Commencement Conditions

- 3 No development shall commence until intrusive investigations have been carried out on site to establish the exact situation in respect of coal mining legacy features. The findings of the intrusive site investigations, which shall also include a detailed assessment of the risk posed by mine gas migration, shall be submitted to the Local Planning Authority for consideration and approval in writing. The intrusive site investigations shall be carried out in accordance with authoritative UK guidance.

Reason

As the application site is located within a Coal Authority Development High Risk Area and as past underground coal workings pose a potential risk to the stability of the development at the site and as the submitted report (Coal Mining Risk Assessment report (June 2020, prepared by Terra Firma (Wales) Limited)) does not provide any detailed assessment of the risk posed by mine gas migration and given the potential presence of shallow unrecorded mine workings beneath the site and there may be resultant need for gas monitoring and/or the incorporation of appropriate gas protection measures within the proposed development.

- 4 Where the findings of the intrusive site investigations (required by the condition 3 above) identify that coal mining legacy on the site poses a risk to surface stability and / or that mine gas migration poses a risk, no development shall commence until a detailed remediation scheme (including an agreed programme of works) to protect the development from the effects of such land instability and/ or mine gas migration has been submitted to the Local Planning Authority for consideration and approval in writing. Following approval, the remedial works shall be implemented on site in complete accordance with the approved details.

Reason

As the application site is located within a Coal Authority Development High Risk Area and as past underground coal workings pose a potential risk to the stability of the development at the site and as the submitted report (Coal Mining Risk Assessment report (June 2020, prepared by Terra Firma (Wales) Limited)) does not provide any detailed assessment of the risk posed by mine gas migration and given the potential presence of shallow unrecorded mine workings beneath the site and there may be resultant need for gas monitoring and/or the incorporation of appropriate gas protection measures within the proposed development.

Action Conditions

- 5 Prior to beneficial use of the proposed development commencing, a verification report which demonstrates the effectiveness of the agreed remediation works carried out in accordance with condition 4 shall have been submitted to and approved in writing by the Local Planning Authority.

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- 6 In the event that contamination is found at any time when carrying out the approved development that was not previously identified, work on site shall cease immediately and shall be reported in writing to the Local Planning Authority. A Desk Study, Site Investigation, Risk Assessment and where necessary a Remediation Strategy must be undertaken in accordance with the following document:- Land Contamination: A Guide for Developers (WLGA, WAG & EAW, July 2006). This document shall be submitted to and agreed in writing with the Local Planning Authority. Prior to occupation of the development, a verification report which demonstrates the effectiveness of the agreed remediation, shall be submitted to and agreed in writing with the Local Planning Authority.

Reason:

To ensure that risks from land contamination to the future users of the land and neighbouring land are minimised, together with those to controlled waters, property and ecological systems, and to ensure that the development can be carried out safely without unacceptable risks to workers, neighbours and other off site receptors, and as the application site is located within a Coal Authority Development High Risk Area and as past underground coal workings pose a potential risk to the stability of the development at the site and as the submitted report (Coal Mining Risk Assessment report (June 2020, prepared by Terra Firma (Wales) Limited)) does not provide any detailed assessment of the risk posed by mine gas migration and to ensure compliance with Policies SP16 and EN8 of the Neath Port Talbot Local Development Plan.

- 7 Prior to the first beneficial use of the development hereby permitted, the approved access and egress point (from Glyn Road) including visibility splays detail shown on Drawing No.003 Revision D shall be provided on site, and shall be retained and maintained as such thereafter and after being provided the visibility splays shall be kept free of any obstruction exceeding 0.6m in height thereafter.

Reason:

In the interest of highway and pedestrian safety and to ensure the development complies with Policy TR2 of the Neath Port Talbot Local Development Plan.

- 8 Notwithstanding the submitted plans, prior to the occupation of the dwelling hereby approved a scheme indicating the positions, height, design, materials and type of boundary treatment to be erected to all boundaries shall be submitted to and approved in writing by the Local Planning Authority. The boundary treatment shall be completed, as approved, prior the first beneficial use of the dwelling and retained as such thereafter.

Reason:

In the interest of visual amenity and to ensure compliance with Policy BE1 of the Neath Port Talbot Local Development Plan.

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- 9 Prior to occupation of the dwelling, three off-street parking spaces shall be provided for the dwelling and retained and maintained as such thereafter.

Reason

In the interests of highways and pedestrian safety

- 10 Prior to their use in the construction of the development hereby permitted, details of the materials to be used in the construction of the external surfaces of the development (including the garage) shall have been submitted to and approved in writing by the Local Planning Authority. Development shall be carried out in accordance with the approved details.

Reason:

In the interest of the visual amenity of the area and to ensure the development complies with Policy BE1 of the Neath Port Talbot Local Development Plan.

- 11 All retained trees on the site and adjoining land that may be directly affected by the proposed development, including encroachment into Root Protection Areas, shall be adequately protected as specified in Figure 2 (page 20) BS5837:2012 'Trees in relation to Construction' by the provision of root zone protection (protective fencing). The erection of fencing for the protection of any retained tree shall be undertaken before any equipment, machinery or materials are brought on to the site for the purposes of the development, and shall be maintained until all equipment, machinery and surplus materials have been removed from the site. Nothing shall be stored or placed in any area fenced in accordance with this condition and the ground levels within those areas shall not be altered, nor shall any excavation be made, without the written consent of the local planning authority.

Reason

In order to protect the long term health of the trees to be retained.

- 12 The ecological enhancements shown on Drawing number 003, revision D (Proposed Site Plan) shall be implemented as approved prior to occupation of the development and retained as such thereafter.

Reason

In the interests of Bio diversity

- 13 No surface water and/or land drainage shall be allowed to connect directly or indirectly with the public sewerage network.

Reason:

To prevent hydraulic overloading of the public sewerage system, to protect the health and safety of existing residents and ensure no pollution of or detriment to the environment.

- 14 Should the timber storage shed indicated on drawing number 003 Revision D (Proposed site plan) be constructed, prior to any development commencing (including any ground works / platforms / surfacing) on the timber storage shed, supporting information and drawings including elevations, floor plans and constructional detail shall first be submitted to and agreed in writing by the local planning authority. The development shall be carried out in accordance with the agreed details and retained and maintained as such thereafter.

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As no elevations, floor plans or construction detail was submitted in respect of the timber storage shed indicated on drawing number 003 Revision D (Proposed site plan) and as the application site is located within a Coal Authority Development High Risk Area and as past underground coal workings pose a potential risk to the stability of the development at the site and as the submitted report (Coal Mining Risk Assessment report (June 2020, prepared by Terra Firma (Wales) Limited)) does not provide any detailed assessment of the risk posed by mine gas migration and given the potential presence of shallow unrecorded mine workings beneath the site and there may be resultant need for gas monitoring and/or the incorporation of appropriate gas protection measures within the proposed development all of which will need to be addressed as part of any proposal to build the timber storage shed

- 15 Prior to the commencement of works on any retaining wall /steps that act as a retaining structure / retaining structures 1.5m high and higher a scheme shall be submitted to and approved in writing by the Local Planning Authority detailing any retaining wall /steps that act as a retaining structure / retaining structures, including full structural calculations for any walls retaining walls 1.5m high and higher. The approved retaining walls shall be fully implemented on site prior to the first beneficial occupation of the dwelling, and retained as such thereafter.

Reason

In the interest of visual amenity, residential amenity of the neighbouring properties and land stability, and to ensure compliance with Policy BE1 of the Neath Port Talbot Local Development Plan.

Regulatory Conditions

- 16 Notwithstanding the provisions of the Town and Country Planning (General Permitted Development) Order 1995 (as amended for Wales) (or any order revoking and re-enacting that Order with or without modification), no doors, windows or dormer windows (other than those expressly authorised by this permission) shall be constructed without the prior grant of planning permission in that behalf.

Reason:

In order to safeguard the amenities of the area by enabling the Local Planning Authority to consider whether planning permission should be granted for such additional ***doors / windows***, having regard to the particular layout and design of the development and need to protect the amenity of nearby properties, and to accord with Policies BE1 and SC1 of the Neath Port Talbot Local Development Plan.

- 17 Any gates provided across the access drive(s) shall be of a type which open inward only and can be seen through, and shall be retained as such thereafter.

Reason:

In the in interest of highway and pedestrian safety and to ensure compliance with Policy TR2 of the Neath Port Talbot Local Development Plan.

- 18 The use of the garage hereby approved shall be restricted to the garaging of private motor vehicles and uses incidental to the use of the associated dwellinghouse only and for no industrial, commercial or business use.

Reason:

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To ensure that adequate car parking provision is maintained within the curtilage of the dwelling in the interest of highway safety, and to ensure compliance with Policies TR2 and BE1 of the Neath Port Talbot Local Development Plan.

- 19 Notwithstanding the provisions of the Town and Country Planning (General Permitted Development) Order 1995 (as amended for Wales) (or any order revoking and re-enacting that Order with or without modification), there shall be no extension or external alteration to any building forming part of the development hereby permitted without the prior grant of planning permission in that behalf.

Reason:

In order to safeguard the amenities of the area by enabling the Local Planning Authority to consider whether planning permission should be granted for extensions, having regard to the particular layout and design of the development and need to protect the amenity of nearby properties, and to accord with Policies BE1 and SC1 of the Neath Port Talbot Local Development Plan.

- 20 No surface water and/or land drainage shall be allowed to connect directly or indirectly with the public sewerage network

Reason:

To prevent hydraulic overloading of the public sewerage system, to protect the health and safety of existing residents and ensure no pollution of or detriment to the environment, and to ensure the development complies with Policy SP16 and BE1 of the Neath Port Talbot Local Development Plan.

Informatives:

1 Neath Port Talbot Council Drainage Section Note to Developer Please note that from 7th January 2019, all new developments of more than 1 house, or where a construction area is of 100m² or more, plus if the SAB authority believe that any redevelopment of land has significant surface water drainage implications. This will require sustainable drainage - built in accordance with mandatory standards for sustainable drainage published by Welsh Ministers - to manage on-site surface water. More information is available in Schedule 3 of the Flood & Water Management Act 2010. These systems must be approved by the Council's Engineering Service acting in its SuDS Approving Body (SAB) role before construction work begins. In this respect it is essential that a developer of any such project gain SAB approval of its surface water drainage alongside any relevant planning permission. You will not be allowed to start construction until both permissions have been approved. If you have not done so already, and your development would not fall into any of the relevant exceptions, you are therefore strongly encouraged to request further advice from the SAB. Involving the SAB Officers in pre-application discussions will allow for SuDS drainage matters (to ensure suitability of proposed SuDS design in line with national standards and adequate site layout) to be considered alongside the assessment of planning merits. There is an additional charge of £250 for this service. This can be as part of any agreed further pre-application submissions with the Planning Authority (recommended) or independently/ direct with the SAB. You are advised, however, that failing to engage in joint pre-application discussions has the potential to lead to delays and, most notably, the potential need to obtain further planning permission should any agreed SuDS design not be compliant with any relevant planning permission. Further details are available at www.npt.gov.uk/planning.

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2 Natural Resources Wales note to developer: Please note that our decision not to comment does not rule out the potential for the proposed development to affect other interests, including environmental interests of local importance. The applicant should be advised that, in addition to planning permission, it is their responsibility to ensure that they secure all other permits/consents relevant to their development.

3 Welsh Water Advisory Notes: As of 7th January 2019, this proposed development may be subject to Schedule 3 of the Flood and Water Management Act 2010. In the event this proposed development amounts to a total impermeable area of 100sqm or more, approval of Sustainable Drainage Systems (SuDS) features will be required in accordance with the 'Statutory standards for sustainable drainage systems - designing, constructing, operating and maintaining surface water drainage systems'. It would therefore be recommended that the developer engage in consultation with Neath Port Talbot County Borough Council, as the determining SuDS Approval Body (SAB), in relation to their proposals for SuDS features. Please note, Dwr Cymru Welsh Water is a statutory consultee to the SAB application process and will provide comments to any SuDS proposals by response to SAB consultation. The applicant may need to apply to Dwr Cymru / Welsh Water for any connection to the public sewer under S106 of the Water Industry Act 1991. If the connection to the public sewer network is either via a lateral drain (i.e. a drain which extends beyond the connecting property boundary) or via a new sewer (i.e. serves more than one property), it is now a mandatory requirement to first enter into a Section 104 Adoption Agreement (Water Industry Act 1991). The design of the sewers and lateral drains must also conform to the Welsh Ministers Standards for Gravity Foul Sewers and Lateral Drains, and conform with the publication "Sewers for Adoption" - 7th Edition. Further information can be obtained via the Developer Services pages of www.dwrcymru.com. The applicant is also advised that some public sewers and lateral drains may not be recorded on our maps of public sewers because they were originally privately owned and were transferred into public ownership by nature of the Water Industry (Schemes for Adoption of Private Sewers) Regulations 2011. The presence of such assets may affect the proposal. In order to assist us in dealing with the proposal the applicant may contact Dwr Cymru Welsh Water to establish the location and status of the apparatus. Under the Water Industry Act 1991 Dwr Cymru Welsh Water has rights of access to its apparatus at all times. Our response is based on the information provided by your application. Should the proposal alter during the course of the application process we kindly request that we are re-consulted and reserve the right to make new representation. If you have any queries please contact the undersigned (Sion Jones) on 0800 917 2652 or via email at developer.services@dwrcymru.com

The decision to recommend planning permission has been taken in accordance with Section 38 of The Planning and Compulsory Purchase Act 2004, which requires that, in determining a planning application the determination must be in accordance with the Development Plan unless material considerations indicate otherwise. The Development Plan comprises the Neath Port Talbot Local Development Plan (2011-2026) adopted January 2016.

The development is considered be a justified and appropriate form of residential development within settlement boundaries, complying with Policies SP15, SP16, SP20, SP21, SC1, TR2, BE1, EN6, EN7 and EN8 of the Local Development Plan and also complying with the principles of good design as set out within TAN12: Design and

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Planning Policy Wales, which encourages and promotes good design principles having regard to a site's specific opportunities and constraints.

It is further considered that the decision complies with the Council's well-being objectives and the sustainable development principle in accordance with the requirements of the Well-being of Future Generations (Wales) Act 2015.

Signed: 

Ceri Morris – Head of Planning & Public Protection

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IMPORTANT:

(1) Please note that for all decisions issued after 16th March 2016 for outline or full planning permission, a revised decision notice will be issued whenever a subsequent consent is given, for example providing details of any Reserved Matters approvals (outline applications only) and/or approval of conditions (including on Reserved Matters). This will ensure that the current status of the conditions applied to a consent is clear. Accordingly you are advised to visit www.npt.gov.uk/planning to view the application documentation to see if this is the current version, or whether it has been superseded by a more up-to-date revision of this Decision Notice. For Reserved Matters approvals the revised Decision Notice will only be shown under the Outline approval.

(2) Please note that this consent is specific to the plans and particulars approved as part of the application. Any departure from the approved plans will constitute unauthorised development and may be liable to enforcement action. You (or any subsequent developer) should advise the Council of any actual or proposed variations from the approved plans immediately so that you can be advised how to best resolve the matter.

(3) In addition, any conditions that the Council has imposed on this consent will be listed above and should be read carefully. It is your (or any subsequent developers) responsibility to ensure that the terms of all conditions are met in full at the appropriate time (as outlined in the specific condition). Please note that any works carried out without compliance with the conditions attached to this approval will be entirely at the risk of the persons involved and may result in formal action being taken by the Local Planning Authority.

(4) The developer should have regard to Sections 4, 7, 8 and 8A of the Chronically Sick and Disabled Persons Act 1970 and to the British Standards Institution's Code of Practice for "Design of buildings and their approaches to meet the needs of disabled people" (BS 8300:2009+A1:2010).

(5) From 1st October 2012 it has been an offence to install a public sewer or lateral drain without having an adoption agreement in place. From the 1st October 2012 the vast majority of all existing private sewers and lateral drains which link with the public sewer network were transferred to Welsh Water. For further details on how this will affect your development please contact: Welsh Water Developer Services, PO Box 3146, Cardiff, CF30 0EH. Telephone No. 0800 9172652 or email: developer.services@dwrcymru.com.

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IMPORTANT INFORMATION: TOWN AND COUNTRY PLANNING ACT 1990

The applicant's attention is drawn to the notes below.

- (1) If the applicant is aggrieved by the decision of the Local Planning Authority to refuse permission for the proposed development or to grant it subject to conditions, then you can appeal to the Welsh Government under Section 78 of the Town and Country Planning Act 1990 (as amended).
- (2) You can also appeal to the Welsh Government against a decision to refuse permission or grant subject to conditions in respect of applications made for :- Listed Building or Conservation Area Consent; Consent under a Tree Preservation Order; Advertisement Consent.
- (3) You can also appeal If your application for a Certificate of Lawful Existing Use or Lawful Proposed Use is partly or wholly refused or is granted differently from what you asked for (under Section 195/196) of the Town and Country Planning Act 1990 (as amended).
- (4) If you are aggrieved of the LPAs decision, the following deadlines apply for appeals to be submitted to the Welsh Government (from the date of the Council's decision):-
 - (1) Planning Permission (with the exception of Minor Commercial and Householder applications – see below) Within 6 Months
 - (2) Householder Appeal see endnote i Within 12 weeks
 - (3) Minor Commercial Appeal see endnote i Within 12 weeks
 - (4) Listed Building or Conservation Area Consent appeals Within 6 months
 - (5) Tree Preservation Order (TPO) Consent Within 28 days
 - (6) Advertisement Consent Within 8 weeks
 - (7) Certificate of Lawfulness of Existing (Section 191) or Proposed (Section 192) Use or Development Within 6 months
 - (8) Hazardous Substances Consent Within 6 months
- (5) Appeals must be made on a form which is obtainable from the Planning Inspectorate, Crown Buildings, Cathays Park, Cardiff, CF10 3NQ – Tel 0303 444 5940, or online at www.planningportal.gov.uk/pcs .
- (6) The Welsh Government has power to allow a longer period for the giving of notice of appeal but they will not normally be prepared to exercise this power unless there are special circumstances which excuse the delay in giving notice of appeal.
- (7) The Welsh Government is not required to entertain an appeal if it appears to them that permission for the proposed development could not have been granted having regard to the statutory requirements to the provisions of the development order, and to any directions given under the Order. They do not in practice refuse to entertain appeals solely because the decision of the Local Planning Authority was based on a direction given by them.
- (8) If permission to develop land is refused or granted subject to conditions, whether by the Local Planning Authority or by the Welsh Government, and the owner of the land claims that the land has become incapable of reasonable beneficial use in its existing state and cannot be rendered capable of reasonable beneficial use by the carrying out of any development which has been or would be permitted, he may serve on the County Borough Council, in which the land is situated, as the case may be, a **purchase notice** requiring that Council purchase his interest in the land in

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accordance with the provisions of Part VI of the Town and Country Planning Act 1990.

Making an Appeal

- (9) Please note that for all applications received by the LPA after 5th May 2017, it is now a requirement that any appeal made to the Planning Inspectorate (other than Householder and Minor Commercial Appeals, and appeals against refusal to grant advertisement consent) must be accompanied by all the information and evidence you intend to rely upon (a **“full statement of case”**). You must also send a copy of the notice of appeal and full statement of case to the LPA.
- (10) In addition, for ‘planning appeals’ an amendment to an application following notice of appeal may only be made to correct an error.
- (11) Additional details and information on making an appeal to the Welsh Government is available from the Planning Inspectorate at the above address and website. The relevant documents are entitled “making your planning appeal” and “planning appeals Public Local Inquiries”.
- (12) Further correspondence regarding this application should bear the reference number quoted on the top of the decision notice.

THIS NOTICE RELATES ONLY TO A PLANNING DECISION AND DOES NOT RELATE TO OTHER LEGISLATION INCLUDING ANY LEGISLATION UNDER:

- BUILDING REGULATIONS – Please contact buildingcontrol@npt.gov.uk or 01639 686949 to discuss all aspects of the service that is offered by Building Control
- HIGHWAY LEGISLATION

IF PLANNING CONSENT HAS BEEN GRANTED IT IS ADVISABLE TO ESTABLISH WHETHER ANY OTHER FORM OF CONSENT IS REQUIRED AND TO OBTAIN SUCH CONSENT BEFORE COMMENCING DEVELOPMENT

ⁱ Please see the [Town and Country Planning \(Referred Applications and Appeals Procedure\) \(Wales\) Regulations 2017](#) for appeal procedures and for full definitions of:

- *“householder application”* (essentially an application for the enlargement, improvement or other alteration of a dwellinghouse, or development within the curtilage of such a dwellinghouse, or change of use to enlarge the curtilage of a dwelling house)
- *“householder appeal”* means an appeal in relation to a householder application, but excludes an appeal against conditions on the grant of planning permission; or an appeal which is accompanied by an enforcement or listed building consent appeal.
- *“minor commercial application”* (essentially relates to existing buildings of no more than 250 square metres gross external floor space at ground floor level, currently in use for any of the purposes set out in Schedule 1A to The Town and Country Planning (Development Management Procedure) (Wales) (Amendment) Order 2015 which is an application for change of use from Class A1 to A2 or A3; or Class A2 to A3); or the carrying out of building or other operations to a shop front.
- *“minor commercial appeal”* means an appeal in relation to a minor commercial application but excludes an appeal against conditions on the grant of planning permission; or an appeal which is accompanied by an enforcement or listed building consent appeal.