

**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 OUTLINE PLANNING PERMISSION

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APPLICATION NO: P2023/0496

LOCATION: 5 Heol Tewdwr, Croeserw, Cymmer, Port Talbot, Neath Port Talbot, SA13 3NY

PROPOSAL: Outline planning application for the construction of a detached, split level, dormer bungalow with associated parking and retaining work.

NEATH PORT TALBOT COUNTY BOROUGH COUNCIL as the Local Planning Authority in pursuance of its power under the above mentioned Act and Order hereby **PERMITS** 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 Details of the access, appearance, landscaping, layout, and scale, (hereinafter called "the reserved matters") shall be submitted to and approved in writing by the Local Planning Authority before any development begins and the development shall be carried out as approved.

Reason:

The application was made for outline planning permission.

- 2 Any application for approval of the reserved matters shall be made to the Local Planning Authority not later than three years from the date of this permission.

Reason:

To comply with the requirements of Section 92 of the Town and Country Planning Act 1990.

- 3 The development shall begin either before the expiration of five years from the date of this permission or before the expiration of two years from the date of approval of the last of the reserved matters to be approved, whichever is the later.

Reason:

To comply with the requirements of Section 92 of the Town and Country Planning Act 1990.

List of Approved Plans

- 4 The development shall be carried out in accordance with the following approved plans and documents:

Sheet 1 of 3 Block plan

Existing site survey

Proposed site levels

Coal Mining risk assessment - Enviro Solution January 2023

Site Location Plan

Design and Access Statement

Reason:

In the interests of clarity.

Pre-Commencement Conditions

- 5 As part of the reserved matters required by Condition 1, samples of the materials to be used in the construction of the external surfaces of the development hereby permitted shall be 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.

- 6 As part of the first reserved matters application, a scheme to enable the provision of gigabit capable broadband infrastructure from the site boundary to the dwellings/buildings hereby permitted has been submitted to and agreed in writing by the local planning authority. Development shall be carried out in accordance with the approved details.

Reason

To support the roll-out of digital communications infrastructure across Wales in accordance with Policy 13 of Future Wales.

- 7 As part of the first reserved matters application, a preliminary mine gas risk assessment setting out recommendations has been submitted to and approved in writing by the Local Planning Authority. The mine gas risk assessment shall be undertaken by a competent person as defined in the National Planning Policy Framework and conducted in accordance with 'CL:AIRE - Good Practice for Risk

Assessment for Coal Mine Gas Emissions, October 2021' and having regard to current guidance - 'Land Contamination: Risk Management (LCRM; 2020)'. It shall document the findings of each step of the decision tree in Figure 13.1 of the Decision support tool for mine gas risk assessment on page 35 of CL:AIRE - Good Practice for Risk Assessment for Coal Mine Gas Emissions.

Reason

In the interests of human health and to accord with Policy EN8 of the Local Development Plan

- 8 As part of the first reserved matters application, 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 is 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.

- 9 As part of the first reserved matters application details of proposed ground levels and finished floor levels shall be submitted to and approved in writing with the Local Planning Authority. The development shall be carried out in accordance with the approved details 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

- 10 As part of the first reserved matters application, a scheme detailing the provision of integrated bird and bat boxes shall be submitted to and approved in writing by the Local Planning Authority. The approved scheme shall be implemented in accordance with the approved details prior to the first occupation of the development and retained and maintained in perpetuity.

Reason

In the interests of biodiversity, and to accord with Policy EN6 & EN7 of the Local Development Plan

- 11 Notwithstanding the submitted details, the reserved matters required by condition 1 shall include provision for one off-street parking space per bedroom (up to a maximum of three) for the proposed dwelling which shall have a maximum gradient of 1 in 9, the driveway shall be set back from the footway by 6m, with each parking space measuring a minimum of 2.8m wide. The parking spaces shall be provided prior to first use of the dwelling hereby approved, and shall be surfaced in porous material (or a provision must be made to direct run-off water from the hard surface to a permeable or porous area within the curtilage of the dwelling) and shall be retained open and free for parking use, and permanently maintained so that they continue to comply with the above requirements.

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

- 12 As part of the first reserved matters application, a scheme to divert the public sewer crossing the site shall be submitted to and approved in writing by the Local Planning Authority. The scheme shall include a detailed design, construction method statement and risk assessment outlining the measures taken to secure and protect the structural condition and ongoing access of the sewer. No other development pursuant to this permission shall be carried out until the approved diversion scheme has been implemented and retained as such thereafter.

Reason: To protect the integrity of the public sewerage system and avoid damage thereto

- 13 As part of the first reserved matters application, a drainage scheme for the site shall be submitted to and approved in writing by the Local Planning Authority. The scheme shall provide for the disposal of foul, surface and land water, and include an assessment of the potential to dispose of surface and land water by sustainable means. Thereafter the scheme shall be implemented in accordance with the approved details prior to the occupation of the development and no further foul water, surface water and land drainage shall be allowed to connect directly or indirectly with the public sewerage system.

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 ensure the development complies with Policy SP16 and BE1 of the Neath Port Talbot Local Development Plan.

- 14 As part of the first reserved matters application, vehicular visibility splays shall be provided for each access point, measuring 25m x 2.4m, shall be submitted to and approved in writing by the Local Authority in accordance with Manual for Street.

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

Action Conditions

- 15 Where the conclusions of the preliminary mine gas risk assessment required under condition number 7 identifies the need for a Detailed Mine Gas Risk Assessment, a report detailing the outcome of the suitable site investigation and lines of evidence risk assessment in accordance with CL:AIRE - Good Practice for Risk Assessment for Coal Mine Gas Emissions, October 2021' and having regard to current guidance - 'Land Contamination: Risk Management LCRM; 2020 shall be submitted to and approved by the Local Planning Authority. If the Detailed Mine Gas Risk Assessment concludes remediation is required to mitigate the risk, the report shall also include a Remediation Scheme with full details of the design of gas protection measures and a Verification Plan as described in CIRIA C735 - 'Good practice on the testing and verification of protection systems for buildings against hazardous ground gases'. The development shall be constructed in strict accordance with the scheme as approved. (See Notes to developer)

Reason

In the interests of human health and to accord with Policy EN8 of the Local Development Plan

- 16 Prior to occupation or first use of the development hereby approved a Verification Report demonstrating that the gas protection has been installed in accordance with the scheme as approved under condition number 15 and in accordance with CIRIA C735 - 'Good practice on the testing and verification of protection systems for buildings against hazardous ground gases', shall be submitted to and approved by the Local Planning Authority.

Reason

In the interests of human health and to accord with Policy EN8 of the Local Development Plan

Regulatory Conditions

- 17 No surface water and/or land drainage shall be allowed to connect directly or indirectly with the public sewerage network including any increase in the roof area of the building /or impermeable surfaces within the curtilage.

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 and ensure the development complies with Policy SP16 and BE1 of the Neath Port Talbot Local Development Plan.

- 18 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 to ensure compliance with Policies SP16 and EN8 of the Neath Port Talbot Local Development Plan.

- 19 The development hereby approved is defined to those parameters as set out within the application drawings hereby approved.

Reason:

To comply with the requirements of the Town and Country Planning (General Development Procedure) (Amendment) (Wales) Order 2008, and in the interests of clarity

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

Reason:

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

- 21 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 door and 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.

- 22 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.

Informatives:

1 Please note that SAB approval will be required prior to any work commencing. It is a breach of approval required under Paragraph 7 (1) Schedule 3 of the Flood and Water Management Act 2010 whereby action will be taken by the Authority under The Sustainable Drainage (Enforcement) (Wales) Order 2018.

2 The development site is located within a Coal Authority Coal Mining Reporting Area which could be a potential source of ground gas, and also an area potentially affected by contamination. Although the risk assessment processes for these are slightly different they have similar themes and may form part of the same report, if produced by someone suitably qualified and competent in both areas. Evidence of their competence will need to be detailed within the report.

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suitably qualified and competent in both areas. Evidence of their competence will need to be detailed within the report.

4 The applicant is made aware that all mitigating gas protection measures as approved and verified under this permission should be fully implemented within any future extension to the development. Notwithstanding if these extensions are permitted development. Installed and verified in accordance with CIRIA C735 -'Good practice on the testing and verification of protection systems for buildings against hazardous ground gases'.

5 Due to the nature of the site, the applicant may wish to seek pre-application advice on the design and siting of the proposed dwelling.

Reason for granting planning permission;

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 Future Wales - the National Plan 2040 and the Neath Port Talbot Local Development Plan (2011-2026) adopted January 2016.

It is considered that the proposal represents an appropriate form of development that has regard to the existing site context and respects the existing character and pattern of development in the area. The site, therefore, subject to an acceptable design, can provide a suitable form of infill residential development, without impacting detrimentally upon visual amenity, the character of the area as a whole, or upon the amenity of adjacent properties. Accordingly, the proposed development is in accordance with Planning Policy Wales, and principles of good design within TAN 12 and policies SP1, SP3, SP4, SP15, SP16, SP20, SC1, I1, EN7, EN8, TR2 and BE1 of the Neath Port Talbot Local Development Plan.

It is further considered that the decision complies with Future Wales - the National Plan 2040 and 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

Date: 2 February 2024

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.

(6) Welsh Water Dwr Cymru advise that the planning permission hereby granted does not extend any rights to carry out any works to the public sewerage or water supply systems without first having obtained the necessary permissions required by the Water Industry Act 1991.

Please note, in accordance with Construction and Design Management (CDM) Regulations, it is the applicant's responsibility to ensure that any proposed works within their curtilage do not conflict with any underground services and is recommended they review their land registry title deeds for any legal covenants. For Sewers or Watermains that may be present and affected by your proposals, you are advised to contact Dwr Cymru Welsh Water who will be able to explain whether your proposed works will be acceptable as well as any consent required. Prior to commencing works, it is also recommend the applicant review the information and guidance on Building Over Sewers

available on Welsh Water's website at

<https://developers.dwrcymru.com/en/applications/planning/build-over-or-near-to-sewers>

The applicant is also advised that some public sewers and lateral drains may not be recorded on Welsh Water 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.

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 & Environment Decisions Wales, Crown Buildings, Cathays Park, Cardiff, CF10 3NQ – Tel 0300 060 4400, or online at <https://planningcasework.service.gov.wales/>.
- (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

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 686820 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.