



## **GREEN INFRASTRUCTURE STATEMENT**

**Project:** Former Amman Garage, GCG - Reinstatement of roof and wall cladding panels (inc. provision of new roller shutter doors)

**Date:** 7<sup>th</sup> February 2024

### **General Introduction:**

This Green Infrastructure Statement has been prepared to accompany a Planning Application made to Neath Port Talbot County Borough Council to reinstate the roof cladding and wall cladding panels following fire damage at the former Amman Valley Car Repair garage in Gwaun Cae Gurwen.

### **Site Description:**

The building is a Steel framed structure and was formerly clad in steel panels with a blockwork wall to mid height around the perimeter. The building is situated on Heol Cae Gurwen with a large car parking area to the front. *(Refer to CPD 001 – Existing Site Plans and ‘Google earth’ view below).*



*Aerial view of application site and surrounding area*

The application site is located within a well-established urban area. There are numerous residential houses along both sides of Heol Cae Gurwen with a playground to the south of the site.

This application site has a front parking area laid to tarmac with direct access off Heol Cae Gurwen. A timber fence is located on the southern boundary with the playground and a blockwork wall is built on the Northern Boundary.

Various small trees and a brush hedgerow are present to part of the northern boundary and the Western boundary.

#### **Development Impacts / The Proposal:**

It is proposed to reinstate the roof and wall cladding with new steel cladding. Part of the structure has been removed to repair the fire damaged areas and reinstated to match as before.

*(Refer to CPD 002 – Proposed elevations and Floor plan for details).*

The building is being fully reclad with no changes to the building footprint. The premises does not benefit from any green amenity space currently and with no loss of trees or hedgerows proposed during the work there should be no impact to the local green infrastructure.

Existing forecourt lighting is present with new two new PIR security lights proposed on the front (Eastern Elevation). It should be noted that street lights are present along Heol y Gors fronting the application site and the playground to the South is also well illuminated.

#### **Proposed Bio-diversity enhancement proposed:**

It is proposed to install a bird box on the southern elevation at ridge level. No removal of existing trees or hedgerow is planned.

#### **Conclusion:**

The work would aim to minimize any adverse environmental effects and given the extent of work proposed it is considered the provision of the new bird nesting box would enhance the ecological features creating additional nesting habitats and increase the connectivity in the local surroundings.