

Green Infrastructure Statement

Site Address: Ynysarwed Farm, Abergarwed, Resolven, Neath, Neath and Port Talbot SA11 4DD

Proposed Development: Construction of all-weather paddock/ménage (60m x 40m) including suitable drainage, a wooden post and rail fencing, along with inward facing lighting.

Site description: The site is currently made up of agricultural ground, adjacent to the farmstead, with agricultural barns. The field itself has boundaries made up of hedgerows and post and ryelock fencing. The specific site of where the proposed development would be located is grazing land.

Surrounding area description: For example: Application site located within the agricultural land at the above address adjacent to the farm stead. The A465 dual Carriageway is situated on the boundary of Ynysarwed Farm, south of the proposed application site. (see plan x Aerial image)

Development Impacts:

Proposed development to be constructed on existing agricultural ground. 2400m² section of existing agricultural land to be removed to accommodate the proposed development. Trees and existing hedge boundaries unaffected. Three units of lighting are proposed, these will be energy efficient lighting at low level, facing inwards, not to have an impact the A465.

Biodiversity Enhancements Proposed

It is proposed to plant a hedge line along the fence line of the all-weather paddock/ménage, as well as a wildflower garden to the western edge of the proposed structure and to install a bird box to the rear elevation of the nearby barn. To encourage wildlife and nesting habitats.

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 using recycled materials wherever possible, as well as using natural materials and energy efficient lighting, all the while compensating the loss of the agricultural land by nurturing new habitats for wildlife.

ensuring that any adverse environmental effects are avoided/ minimized/ mitigated, compensated for.

Signed,

Dated. 12th February 2024