

Green Infrastructure Statement

Site Address: Wildbrook Footbridge North East of Wildbrook Estate, Taibach/ Goytre

Proposed Development: New footbridge to replace existing footbridge, which is too narrow for Sustrans guidance.

Site description: A wooden footbridge carrying a cycleway over the Ffrwdd Wylt watercourse. Existing footbridge is wooden with an arched profile. Land on north side embankment is forested/ heavily vegetated. Access to and from footbridge is via existing cycle way (Bryn to Goytre).

Surrounding area description: For example: Wildbrook Estate to the South West. Pockets of forested area bounding farmland to the north, east and south. See location plan C2061A-1 attached to email.

Development Impacts:

Connectivity, creating gaps, losing trees, canopy cover, loss of vegetation/grassed areas, permeable surfaces, works within roof (bats?)

For example: Proposed widening to be constructed on new concrete bank seats. Small section of existing embankment to be replaced with the extended bank seats. Trees and existing hedge boundaries unaffected. No external lighting proposed, and therefore no impacts beyond the limited localised issues within garden.

Biodiversity Enhancements Proposed

Bird and bat boxes are to be installed on existing mature trees

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 adding new bat and bird boxes to existing mature trees.

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

Signed,

Dated.

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