

Green Infrastructure Statement:

Minor Development / Homeowner

Site Address: Seven Sisters Onllwyn AFC, Wembley Avenue, Neath, SA10 9HL

Proposed Development: Addition of 8no 15m masts and 16no floodlights for the football pitch.

Site description: Football pitch next to club house. Car parking on two sides of the pitch along with a row of houses nearby. Trees on other two sides of the pitch before the countryside. Aerial image below.



Surrounding Area description: Application site next to main road which all has street lighting. Small woodland on west of the site before further houses. Coal mine to the north of the site and countryside surrounding east and south. Aerial image below.



Development Impacts: There will be no removal of any trees or hedgerows. The foundations for the masts will be no more than 500mm in the ground and the masts will be no more than 15m in height. Please see more information in our lighting impact assessment.

Biodiversity Enhancements Proposed: We propose to install a bird box onto the clubhouse to offer some biodiversity enhancements, we believe this will add to the local biodiversity as there are currently no boxes in the vicinity. The lighting will result in no habitat loss and the usage hours on the floodlights will not be high. Our lighting design has taken into consideration any impact on the environment as can be seen in our impact assessment so this proposal should enhance the biodiversity.

Conclusion.

It is considered that subject to the above, that the proposed development would maintain biodiversity, build resilient ecological networks and deliver net benefits for biodiversity by 31/08/2024

Thus ensuring that any adverse environmental effects are avoided.

Signed: Samuel Jennings. Dated: 15/04/2024.