

**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 FULL PLANNING PERMISSION

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APPLICATION NO: P2023/0958

LOCATION: 7 Ten Acre Wood, Margam, Port Talbot, Neath Port Talbot,
SA13 2SU

PROPOSAL: Demolition of the existing dwellinghouse and the development
of a replacement dwellinghouse, with new vehicular access.

NEATH PORT TALBOT COUNTY BOROUGH COUNCIL as the Local Planning Authority
in pursuance of its power under the above mentioned Act and Order hereby **GRANTS
PLANNING PERMISSION** for 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 The development shall begin no later than five years from the date of this decision.

Reason:

To comply with the requirements of Section 91 of the Town and Country Planning Act
1990.

List of Approved Plans

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

Site Analysis and Design Vision Statement Rev C

2658 (03)102 Rev B - Site layout setting plan
2658 (03)100 - Site Location and Block Plan
2658 (03)101 Rev D - Site Layout
2658 (03)200 Rev A - Proposed Ground Floor Plan
2658 (03)201 - Proposed First Floor Plan
2658 (03)300 Rev A - Proposed Front and Side Elevation
2658 (03)301 Rev A - Proposed Rear and Side Elevation
2658 (03)303 - Proposed Site Section A-A
2658 (03)304 - Entrance Elevation 05
2658 (03)501 - Illustrative 3D Views scene 1
2658 (03)502 - Illustrative 3D Views scene 2
2658 (02)503 - Illustrative 3D Views scene 3
2658 (02)504 - Illustrative 3D Views scene 4
Coal Mining Risk Assessment Integral Geotechnique
Hawkeswood Ecology Green Infrastructure Statement HE/17/2022
Green Infrastructure Plan
JBA consulting - Flood Consequences Assessment Version 1 Sept 2023.
TDA Pre-development Tree Survey and Assessment
Tree Constraints Plan Rev A
Tree Protection Drawing TDA.2715.03
Hawkeswood Ecology Preliminary Roost Assessment HE/17/2022 issue 1
Planning Statement October 2023
SS12362D - side elevations
SS12362D Block plan 1.100
SS12362D Block plan 1.250
SS12362D Floor Plans
SS12362D Front Rear Elevations

Reason:

In the interests of clarity.

Pre-Commencement Conditions

- 3 No development shall commence, including any works of demolition, until a Demolition and Construction Method Statement has been submitted to and approved in writing by the Local Planning Authority. The approved statement shall be adhered to throughout the construction period. The statement shall provide for:
- a) the parking of vehicles of site operatives and visitors;
 - b) loading and unloading of plant and materials;
 - c) storage of plant and materials used in constructing the development;
 - d) the erection and maintenance of security hoarding including decorative displays and facilities for public viewing, where appropriate;
 - e) wheel washing facilities;
 - f) measures to control the emission of dust and dirt during demolition and construction; and
 - g) a scheme for recycling/disposing of waste resulting from demolition and construction works.

Reason:

In the interest of highway and pedestrian safety, the environment, and the amenity of residents, and to ensure accordance with Policies BE1 and TR2 of the adopted Neath Port Talbot Local Development Plan.

- 4 Notwithstanding the Tree Protection Drawing submitted (TDA.2715.03), no development or site clearance shall take place until there has been submitted to and approved in writing by the Local Planning Authority a scheme detailing measures to protect the trees on site and to protect the hedgerow to the south-east and south-west boundaries of the site with the exception of the hedgerow to be removed to form the vehicle access as detailed on plan 2658 (03)101 Rev D - Site Layout. The agreed protection measures shall then be implemented on site prior to the commencement of the development and retained for the duration of construction.

Reason:

In the interests of maintaining the visual amenity of the area, landscape and biodiversity value, and to ensure the development complies with Policies SP15 and BE1 of the Neath Port Talbot Local Development Plan.

- 5 No development shall take place until details of a scheme to divert the public sewer crossing the site has been 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 construction pursuant to this permission shall be carried out until the approved diversion scheme has been implemented and completed. The approved scheme shall be adhered to throughout the lifetime of the development and the protection measures shall be retained in perpetuity.

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

Action Conditions

- 6 No development shall commence (excluding demolition) until;
- a) a scheme of intrusive investigations has been carried out on site to establish the risks posed to the development by past coal mining activity, and;
 - b) any remediation works and/or mitigation measures to address land instability arising from coal mining legacy, as may be necessary, have been implemented on site in full in order to ensure that the site is safe and stable for the development proposed.

The intrusive site investigations and remedial works shall be carried out in accordance with authoritative UK guidance.

Reason:

To ensure that the development complies with Policies SP16 and EN8 of the Neath Port Talbot Local Development Plan.

- 7 Prior to the start of construction of the replacement dwelling, plans shall be submitted to and approved in writing by the Local Planning Authority to confirm the locations of the proposed integrated bird boxes to the proposed dwelling and the locations of bird boxes within the existing trees. The agreed bird boxes shall then be installed on site prior to the first beneficial use of the dwelling and retained as such thereafter.

Reason:

In the interest of biodiversity, and to mitigate to loss of bird nesting/foraging habitats under the Habitats Regulations (amended 2012) and to accord with Policy SP15 of the adopted Neath Port Talbot Local Development Plan.

- 8 Prior to the occupation of the development, or it being taken into beneficial use, a signed statement or declaration prepared by a suitably competent person confirming that the site is, or has been made, safe and stable for the approved development shall be submitted to the Local Planning Authority for approval in writing. This document shall confirm the methods and findings of the intrusive site investigations and the completion of any remedial works and/or mitigation necessary to address the risks posed by past coal mining activity.

Reason:

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

- 9 Prior to the first beneficial occupation of the dwelling hereby approved, a scheme of landscaping shall be submitted to and approved in writing by the Local Planning Authority. The scheme shall include locations, species, ground preparation, planting methods and future management of the 5no. replacement trees and the proposed scrubs and rain garden. All planting, seeding or turfing comprised in the approved details of landscaping shall be carried out in the first planting and seeding seasons following the occupation of the dwelling or the completion of the development, whichever is the sooner; and any trees or plants which within a period of 5 years from the completion of the development die, are removed or become seriously damaged or diseased shall be replaced in the next planting season with others of similar size and species.

Reason:

In the interests of maintaining a suitable scheme of landscaping to protect the visual amenity of the area, to maintain the special qualities of the landscape and habitats through the protection, creation and enhancement of links between sites and their protection for amenity, landscape and biodiversity value, and to ensure the development complies with Policies SP15 and BE1 of the Neath Port Talbot Local Development Plan.

- 10 Notwithstanding the submitted plans, prior to their use in the construction of the development hereby permitted details and samples of the materials to be used in the construction of the external surfaces of the development, including the replacement dwelling and the stone boundary wall, shall have been 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.

- 11 No development (excluding demolition) shall take place until a Detailed Mine Gas Risk Assessment is submitted to and approved in writing by the Local Planning Authority. The report shall detail 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. 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

- 12 No development shall take place (excluding demolition) until a scheme to enable the provision of gigabit capable broadband infrastructure from the site boundary to the dwelling 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.

- 13 Prior to occupation or first beneficial 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 11 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

- 14 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.

Regulatory Conditions

- 15 The development shall be undertaken as specified within Section 8 of the Preliminary Roost Assessment (Hawkeswood Ecology Preliminary Roost Assessment HE/17/2022 issue 1).

Reason:

To ensure conservation of protected species and their habitats, and to accord with Policy SP15 of the adopted Neath Port Talbot Local Development Plan.

- 16 The bat loft as detailed on plans 2658(03)301 Rev A and 2658(03)300 Rev A shall be implemented prior to the first beneficial use of the dwelling hereby approved and retained as such thereafter.

Reason:

In the interest of protected species and to accord with Policy SP15 of the adopted Neath Port Talbot Local Development Plan.

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

- 18 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.

Informatives:

1 This application requires a European Protected Species (EPS) License. This planning permission does not provide consent to undertake works that require an EPS licence. It is an offence to deliberately capture, kill or disturb EPS or to recklessly damage or destroy their breeding sites or resting places. If found guilty of any offences, you could be sent to prison for up to 6 months and/or receive an unlimited fine. To undertake the works within the law, you can obtain further information on the need for a licence from Natural Resources Wales on 0300 065 3000 or at <https://naturalresources.wales/conservationbiodiversity-and-wildlife/european-protectedspecies/?lang=en>. Please note that any changes to plans between planning consent and the licence application may affect the outcome of a licence application. We advise recipients of planning consent who are unsure about the need for a licence to submit a licence application to NRW.

2 Ground Investigations - Under the Coal Industry Act 1994 any intrusive activities, including initial site investigation boreholes, and/or any subsequent treatment of coal mine workings/coal mine entries for ground stability purposes require the prior written permission of The Coal Authority, since such activities can have serious public health and safety implications. Failure to obtain permission to enter or disturb our property will result in the potential for court action. In the event that you are proposing to undertake such work in the Forest of Dean local authority area our permission may not be required; it is recommended that you check with us prior to commencing any works. Application forms for Coal Authority permission and further guidance can be obtained from The Coal Authority's website at: www.gov.uk/get-a-permit-to-deal-with-a-coal-mine-on-your-property

3 Shallow Coal Seams - In areas where shallow coal seams are present caution should be taken when carrying out any on site burning or heat focused activities. To check your site for coal mining features on or near to the surface the Coal Authority interactive map viewer allows you to view selected coal mining information in your browser graphically. To check a particular location either enter a post code or use your mouse to zoom in to view the surrounding area.

4 The applicant may need to apply to Dwr Cymru / Welsh Water for any connection to the public sewer under S106 of the Water industry Act 1991. If the connection to the public sewer network is either via a lateral drain (i.e. a drain which extends beyond the connecting property boundary) or via a new sewer (i.e. serves more than one property), it is now a mandatory requirement to first enter into a Section 104 Adoption Agreement (Water Industry Act 1991). The design of the sewers and lateral drains must also conform to the Welsh Ministers Standards for Gravity Foul Sewers and Lateral Drains, and conform with the publication "Sewers for Adoption"- 7th Edition. Further information can be obtained via the Developer Services pages of www.dwrcymru.com The applicant is also advised that some public sewers and lateral drains may not be recorded on our 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 on 0800 085 3968 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.

5 The applicant is made aware that the application site is located within flood zone C2 of the Development Advice Map and flood zone 3 of the Flood Maps for Planning.

6 The applicant is advised that the proposed development falls within an area of potential impact from road traffic noise as predicted by the Welsh Government Environmental Noise Mapping 2017. The applicant is advised to undertake assessments to ensure that the building is designed to achieve satisfactory sound insulation inside the building, further guidance can be found within BS 8233:2014 Guidance on sound insulation and noise reduction for buildings and noise mapping can be found at <https://datamap.gov.wales/layergroups/inspire-wg:EnvironmentalNoiseMapping2017>.

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 would have no unacceptable impact on the amenities of neighbouring residents, visual amenity of the area or highway and pedestrian safety, biodiversity, flooding and contaminated land. Accordingly, the proposed development is in accordance with Policies SC1, EN2, EN4, BE1, TR2, EN6 and EN7 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: 23 May 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.