

Green Infrastructure Statement

Site Address: 29 Tanydarren, Cilmaengwyn, Pontardawe, SA8 4QT.

Proposed Development: Rear ground floor bedroom extension

Site description: Semi detached 2 storey property, front and rear garden areas. Front garden mainly grass lawn with concrete access steps and path. Rear garden is timber decking and grassed lawn. Boundaries to rear garden – chainlink fence and mixed hedge.

Surrounding area description: Application site located in a frontage of similar properties and back onto gardens at rear.

Development Impacts:

Existing lawn to be removed to accommodate disabled access ramp to provide wheelchair access into property. Existing hedge to boundary will need to be removed to allow sufficient space for maximum 1:12 ramp gradient. No external lighting proposed, and therefore no impacts beyond the limited localised issues within garden.

Biodiversity Enhancements Proposed

Nesting site for birds shall be erected on the main dwellinghouse to the following specifications:

Nest Box Specifications for House Sparrow Terrace:

Wooden (or woodcrete) nest box with 3 sub-divisions to support 3 nesting pairs. To be placed under the eaves of buildings.

Entrance holes: 32mm diameter

Dimensions: H310 x W370 x D185mm.

This would create additional connectivity, and nesting habitats (taking into account impacts and surrounding features)

Conclusion.

It is considered that subject to the above, that the proposed development would maintain and enhance biodiversity, build resilient ecological networks and deliver net benefits for biodiversity by minimal impact to the existing garden and providing a bird nesting box ensuring that any adverse environmental effects are avoided/ minimized/ mitigated, compensated for.

Signed,

Ian Gill

Housing Surveyor, Neath Port Talbot Council

Date 7th June 2024