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Green Infrastructure Statement:

Minor Development / Homeowner

Ref: 22-039-roof conversion-GIS

Site Address: 6 Church Road, Baglan, Port Talbot

Proposed Development: Roof extension with roof lights to create two new bedrooms (one existing to be converted to a home office).

Site description: Detached 2 storey property, front and rear garden areas. Front garden bounded by a retaining wall. Rear garden including hard surfaced patio area, bound to rear, left and right side with Timber fencing. Detached outbuilding to rear of garden.

Surrounding Area description: Application site located in a frontage of similar properties, on a suburban street. See location map below:





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Development Impacts:

Proposed extension to roof only. No evidence of habitation to eaves or within the well-used attic space (frequency accessed for storage). No trees and existing hedge boundaries to be affected. No external lighting proposed, and therefore no impacts beyond the limited localised issues within garden.

Noting that: Replacement planting shall be at a ratio equivalent to the quality, environmental and ecological importance of the tree(s) lost and this must be preferably onsite, or immediately adjacent to the site, and at a minimum ratio of at least 3 trees of a similar type and compensatory size planted for every 1 lost.

Biodiversity Enhancements Proposed

The applicant has already started works to reinstate the rear terrace from patio hardstand to a shrubbery garden area, and plans to install a bird box to the existing rear elevation.

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 enhance biodiversity, build resilient ecological networks and deliver net benefits for biodiversity by 100% (as there was nothing there originally)

Thus, ensuring that any adverse environmental effects are avoided.

Signed

Dated. 7th February 2024