

Green Infrastructure Statement

Minor Development / Homeowner

**15 Tyn-Yr-Heol Road
Bryncoch
Neath Port Talbot
SA10 7EA**

Proposed Development:

Proposed double storey apex extension and single storey flat roof extension to rear elevation of detached dwelling.

Site description:

No.15 Tyn-Yr-Heol Road is a detached two storey property with front garden courtyard, side access and rear garden. Both gardens are grassed areas with a mixture of patio slab and concrete block paving. The boundary wall shared with neighbouring property number 16 is a half height brick wall and timber fencing. The opposite shared boundary with number 14 is a low level stone wall with high level hedges.

The rear garden comprises of two shed outbuildings. One is a single garage and the smaller shed is used for storage. Down the centre of the rear garden is a concrete





pathway which is surrounded by grass land and a range of plant species, hedges and garden landscape. The length of the rear garden, according to the property boundary line, spans approx 38 metres from the rear elevation of house. The width of the garden is measured at 16 metres. The garden landscape is overall very vast in size and rich with greenery.

Surrounding Area:

Situated in a sought after area, the dwelling is located within the popular village of Bryncoch, close to local countryside walks and a short distance from all amenities and facilities at Neath Town Centre.

No.15 Tyn Yr Heol sits amongst a row of detached dwellings, all with considerably elongated garden areas (google earth imaged attach.)



Development Impacts:

The proposed rear extension will be demolishing the two existing shed and garage outbuildings, allowing for a 4 metre x 9 metre footprint off the rear wall elevation. Existing small flower bedding to the decking area will be removed. Existing shrubs and plants will be moved and relocated within the retained garden landscape. The hedge boundary between No.14 and No.15 will be retained as much as possible. New 1.8 metre height close board fencing will be installed where the garage building is removed, to maintain privacy between neighbours. The rest of the grassed area of the rear garden will be retained and will be unaffected. Existing front grass lawn area and front hedging will be retained and unaffected. Trees and plantation to the side pathway will also be retained and maintained.

Biodiversity Enhancement Proposed

Located on the side elevation of the existing main house is the proposed installation of House Sparrow terrace nest boxes. 3 nesting boxes to be placed under the eaves of the existing roof, where the sparrows prefer. A 4 metre clearance above ground level and away from windows. Materials proposed are FSC certified wooden panels, treated with water based environmentally friendly preservative. Entrance holes are designed to the front elevation.

Each terrace can create a habitat for 3 nesting pairs, taking into account surrounding feature of the site. The nest boxes aim to help with the declining sparrow population, designed specifically for this type of bird.

Conclusion

It is considered that subject to the above, the proposed development would maintain and enhance biodiversity. The existing side elevation of the main house dwelling creates an opportunity to provide additional nest boxes for local bird habitat and therefore benefit ecological networks within the surrounding area. It should also be considered the size of the existing garden is already providing benefit for local eco systems, animals and invertebrates. The majority of the existing garden is being maintained for this proposed development.

Signed