



GREEN INFRASTRUCTURE STATEMENT
PROPOSED STORAGE BUILDING AT LAND SOUTH OF NEATH
ROAD, ABERGARWED

on behalf of
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1.0 INTRODUCTION

- 1.1 Evans Banks Planning Ltd. has been instructed by Mr C. Hendy to prepare a proportionate Green Infrastructure Statement (GIS) to accompany a planning application for a proposed storage building at land south of Neath Road, Abergarwed.
- 1.2 This proportionate GIS has been prepared with full regard to the guidance as set out in Chapter 6 of *Planning Policy Wales* (Edition 12) and in particular the 'Stepwise Approach' detailed in Paragraph 6.4.21 and Figure 12, which is reproduced below.



Figure 1

- 1.3 This GIS has also, where relevant, given due consideration to the guidance and standards as set out in the document *Building with Nature - Standards Framework*, which are summarised as follows:

CORE Standards

Standard 1 Optimises Multifunctionality and Connectivity

Standard 2 Positively Responds to the Climate Emergency

Standard 3 Maximises Environmental Gains

Standard 4 Champions a Context Driven Approach

Standard 5 Creates Distinctive Places

Standard 6 Secures Effective Place-keeping

WELLBEING Standards

Standard 7 Brings Nature Closer to People

Standard 8 Supports Equitable and Inclusive Places

WATER Standards

Standard 9 Delivers Climate Resilient Water Management

Standard 10 Brings Water Closer to People

WILDLIFE Standards

Standard 11 Delivers Wildlife Enhancement

Standard 12 Underpins Nature's Recovery

2.0 EXISTING SITE

2.1 THE SITE

- 2.1.1 The application site (pictured below) relates to an area of land forming part of a much larger parcel of brownfield land.



Photograph 1



Photograph 2



Photograph 3

2.1.2 The northern element of the application site is largely undefined, with only its western edge defined by a mix of boundary treatments. The southern element of the core of the site is then similarly open (illustrated in Photograph 2), providing the means of access to the northern element from the shared access road, which then runs on to Neath Road.

2.2 EXISTING GREEN INFRASTRUCTURE ASSETS

2.2.1 As can be seen in the Photographs above the application site itself in fact has no existing green infrastructure assets, being made up of a series of 'hardstanding' and brownfield land.

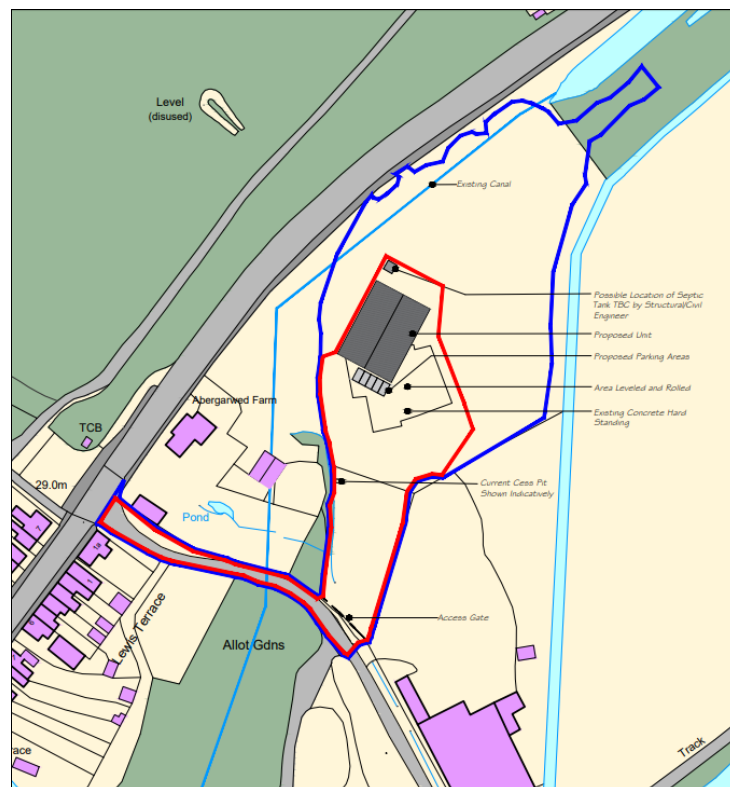
3.0 PROPOSED DEVELOPMENT

3.1 THE PROPOSAL

- 3.1.1 The proposal is for full planning permission for a new commercial storage building for use by the Applicant's business. The following information should be read in conjunction with the accompanying plans, drawings and associated supporting information.

Project Overview

- 3.1.2 As detailed previously, the proposal is for a new commercial storage building to serve the Applicants growing business needs. As a result, the general scale and form of the proposed building reflects the needs of the business, and does so in a manner that is appropriate for the site's locality, as illustrated by the site layout plan below:



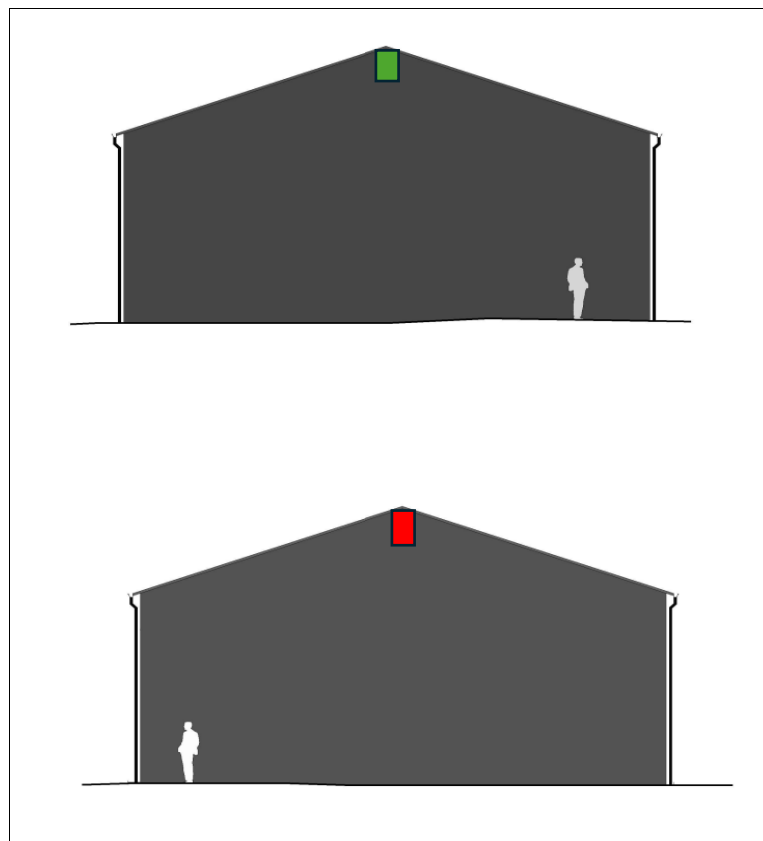
Plan A

- 3.1.3 The application proposal is to continue to be served by the access shown in Plan A, which will lead directly to the proposed development, in which the required amount parking will be provided.

3.2 PROPOSED GREEN INFRASTRUCTURE ASSETS

- 3.2.1 The proposed development however will include new green infrastructure assets, which are summarised as follows:

New Bat and Bird Boxes – Upon completion of the works, x1 Harlech Woodstone (or similar) and x1 bird box are to be affixed to the south western and north eastern elevations of the storage building. This is illustrated on the Plan below, which details the positioning of the boxes in question.



Plan B – Showing Bird Box (Marked Green) and Bat Box (Marked Red)

4.0 GREEN INFRASTRUCTURE ASSESSMENT

- 4.1.1 This Green Infrastructure Statement provides an illustration of the current green infrastructure present on the application site, those features to be retained as part of the proposed development, as well then as any new assets to be included as part of it.
- 4.1.2 As detailed herein, there are currently no green infrastructure assets on the site. Notwithstanding this, new bat and bird boxes will be fixed to the proposed south eastern and north western elevations, which will serve to increase the biodiversity levels of the site.
- 4.1.3 In response to the above required balance, the loss of any existing green infrastructure has been **avoided**. The application proposal will **increase** the current level of green infrastructure on site.