

Green Infrastructure Statement

Site Address: 1 Beechwood Ave. Neath SA11 3TD

Proposed Development: The demolishment of existing garage and to be reconstructed with the granny annex. The site has sufficient amount of existing parking to justify the loss of the garage. The rear of the property has a large flat garden with trees and shrubs that will not be disturbed to accommodate the development.

Site description: Detached 2 storey property, front and rear garden areas. Front of the property has small shrubs and a large drive that can accommodate up to five cars. Rear garden including hardsurfaced patio area, and grassed lawns. Boundaries to rear garden fence to left and hedge line to right side

Surrounding area description: Residential properties. (see plan of Aerial image)

Development Impacts:

Connectivity and works within roof (bats?) see plan

Proposed annex to replace existing garage see plan. Trees and existing hedge boundaries unaffected. 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

Bird bat boxes.

It is proposed to plant a hedgeline along the existing fenceline to the left of the property linking to the hedge at rear boundary, and to install a bird box to the rear elevation of the extension.

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 / or enhance biodiversity, build resilient ecological networks and deliver net benefits for biodiversity by ensuring that any adverse environmental effects are avoided/ minimized/ mitigated, compensated for.

Signed, Ray Lewis

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