

Green Infrastructure Statement:

Minor Development / Homeowner

Site Address: 46 Sitwell Way, Sandfields, Port Talbot SA12 6BL

Proposed Development: Replacement Rear Extension and Front Roof Canopy

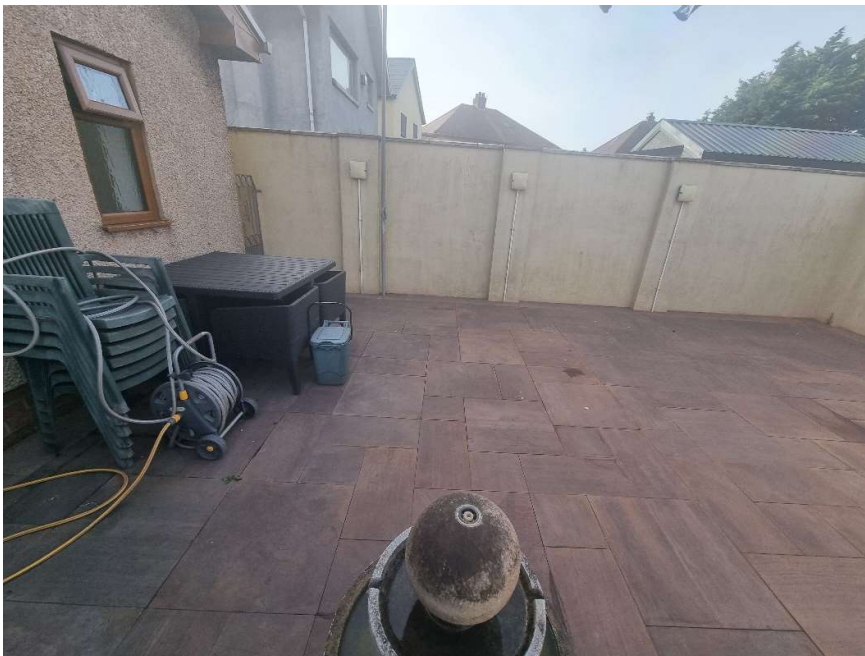
Site description: The property is a semi-detached property with front and rear areas. The front consisting of a lawned area and brickwork driveway and the rear being a paved patio area. The boundaries are partial brickwork and partial blockwork walls. These are to remain altered. There is to be no affect to the front lawn and there are no trees/shrubs etc to the rear area. No areas of biodiversity will be removed.



View of front garden with lawn and brickwork driveway



Further view of front area



View of rear area with paved patio and blockwork boundary walls



View of exiting extension area and paved patio



Existing extension which is to be replaced and brickwork wall to neighbours boundary



Rear brickwork/blockwork wall and paved patio area

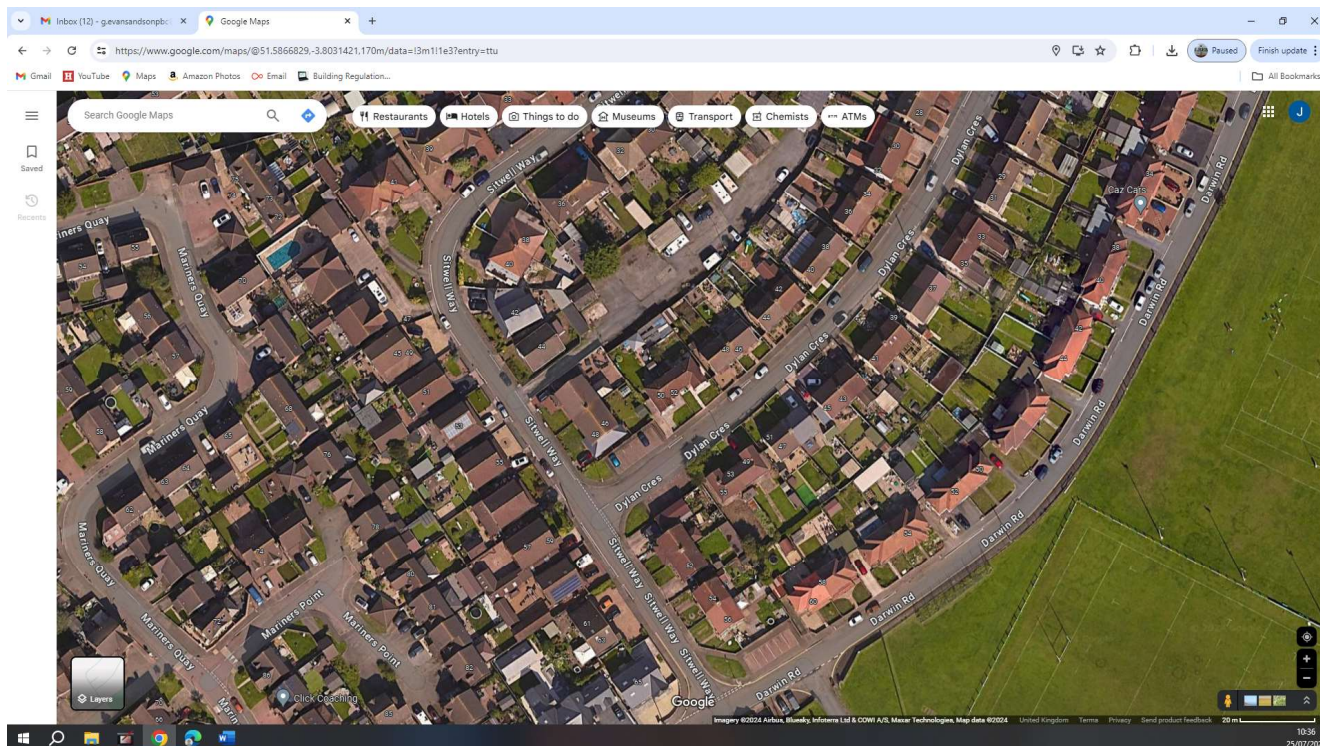


Side and rear boundary walls, all to remain as existing



Brickwork front driveway

Surrounding Area description: The application site is in close proximity to the town centre of Port Talbot, with similar properties either side of it and to the rear of the site.



Development Impacts:

The proposed extension is a replacement to an existing extension and so no further impacts will occur to any biodiversity habitats. No bedding areas or trees/shrubs are to be affected. The roof canopy to the front elevation will also have no environmental impact. No extensive external lighting proposed, and therefore no impacts beyond the limited localised issues within garden. No replacement planting required as proposed extension covers same location as existing extension.

Biodiversity Enhancements Proposed

It is proposed to provide the following:

Provide RSPB approved classic nest box or other nest box for House Sparrow:
Wooden 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 which were not part of the property at present.

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 creating habitats which were not present at the property before the client decided on the development. This will ensure that any adverse environmental effects are compensated for.

Signed JHEvans (Agent)

Dated. 25th July 2024