

Green Infrastructure Statement for Minor Development / Homeowner



Planning Application Reference: P2024/0550

Site Description and Surrounding Context:

The application site is located at 11 Clare Road, Ystalyfera, elevated above the main village. It consists of a large, detached house with a spacious garden at the rear, a lawned garden, and a patio area. The rear of the property also features off-road parking that can accommodate up to six vehicles. The existing dwelling contains four bedrooms, a bathroom, a kitchen, and combined dining room and living rooms. Access is available from the front through the main door into a large hallway, and from the rear via a small entrance passage. The surrounding area is residential, with neighbouring properties along Clare Road and open fields and tracks to the rear.

Development Impacts:

A portion of the existing hard-standing parking area at the rear will be lost to accommodate the new garage. Despite this reduction, sufficient off-road parking will remain for future occupants, and there will be no impact on the green space within the property. The new garage roof and rainwater goods will collect rainwater, which will be harvested in water butts for use in maintaining green areas and a raised vegetable garden. The existing hedgerow at the front of the retaining wall will be preserved to maintain the site's biodiversity, providing soft boundaries and a degree of screening. Additionally, a new hedgerow has been planted along the southern boundary wall, further enhancing the soft boundaries and screening.

Biodiversity Enhancements Proposed:

To support local wildlife, an RSPB bird box will be installed on the west-facing elevation, and a wildlife conservation bat box will be placed on the eastern side. Further planting enhancements

will include the creation of a raised vegetable garden on the north side of the lawn, contributing to both the environmental and ecological quality of the site.

Existing raised planting area Incorporate native wildflowers or plants that attract pollinators like bees, butterflies, and other beneficial insects.
