

Green Infrastructure Statement:

Minor Development / Homeowner

Site Address: 18 Chestnut Road, Cimla, Neath SA11 3PB

Proposed Development: First floor rear extension and new side window

Site description: The property is a semi-detached property in the suburban village of Cimla on the outskirts of Neath town centre. There are similar properties surrounding it. To the front of the property there is a small front garden and tarmac driveway. To the rear area there is a small existing raised decking area, an outbuilding and a lawned area. There are a mixture of timber fence and brickwork boundary walls to the sides and rear elevations.



This is the area where the first floor extension will be erected



Rear lawned area with timber fence boundaries



Front elevation view with tarmac driveway



Rear garden area including lawn, decking and outbuilding



Rear lawn area, small decking and timber fence boundary to neighbour



Side boundary view of brickwork boundary wall

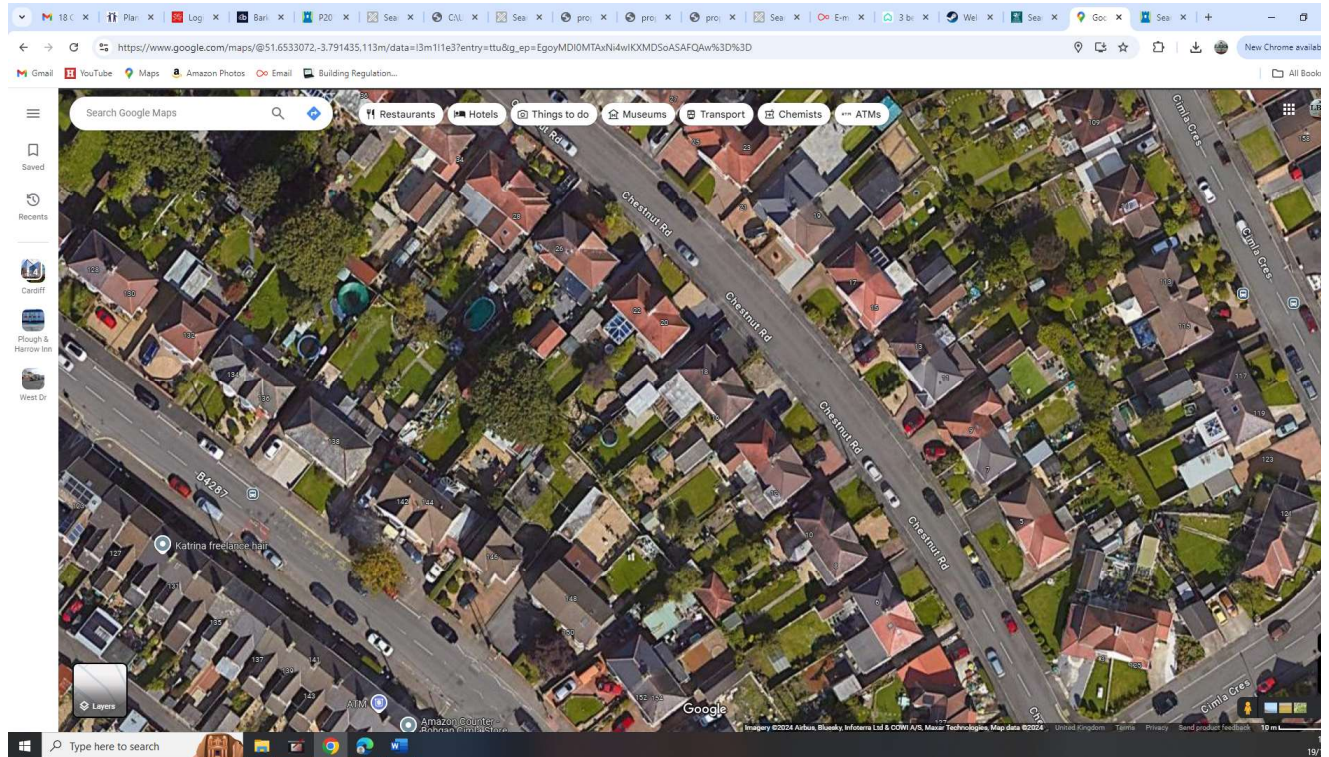


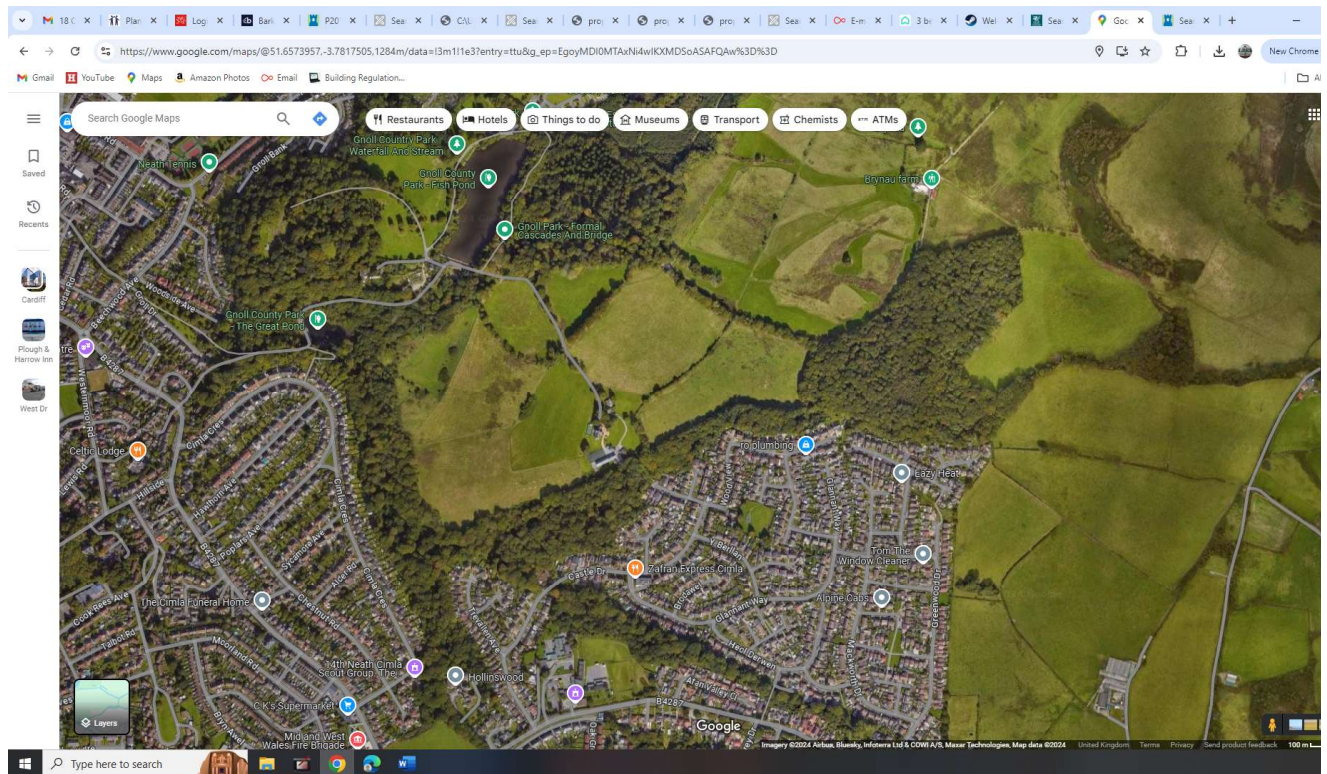
Rear garden view of lawn, boundaries and outbuilding



Timber fence boundary to neighbours boundary and outbuilding

Surrounding Area description: The application site is in the village of Cimla on the outskirts of Neath town centre. There are similar properties surrounding it as can be seen in the first google image. The second google image shows the sites close proximity to the Gnoll country park and surrounding mountain area with substantial areas of green space and habitats present.





Development Impacts:

The development consists of an extension over an already developed area. This will mean no green space is removed and no habitats disturbed. No trees or shrubs will be impacted as part of the development and no boundaries will be altered.

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 maintain and 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. 19th October 2024