

Green Infrastructure Statement:

Minor Development / Homeowner

Site Address: 67 Main Road, Dyffryn Cellwen, Neath, SA10 9LA

Proposed Development: New Rear Double Garage

Site description: Semi-detached property fronted by a main highway with access to the rear. There are both hard and grassed surfaces to the rear garden along with a small timber outbuilding. The new garage is going to be a replacement for the existing sub-standard garage which exists at the moment. All existing flower beds etc., will remain un-affected.

Surrounding Area description: The property is located in the village of Dyffryn Cellwen at the top of the Dulais Valley and is surrounded by properties of a similar size and style. The local area is a large opencast coal mining area with a local coal washery and has been extensively worked over the years.

Development Impacts:

The development consists of a replacement building to the rear which means that no green space will be removed and no habitats disturbed in any way. There will be no impact to trees or shrubs and no boundaries will be altered.

Biodiversity Enhancements Proposed

Given the scale of the proposal it is considered that the provision of a bird box, within the site will provide adequate ecological enhancement. See elevation drawings for position of any proposed boxes.

Conclusion.

It is considered that subject to the above, the proposed development would maintain and / or enhance biodiversity, build resilient ecological networks and deliver net benefits for biodiversity by retaining the green features already in place and only building on existing hard areas to the rear and installing biodiversity enhancement features such as bird boxes.

Thus ensuring that any adverse environmental effects are minimized.

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