

Green Infrastructure Statement:

Minor Development / Homeowner

Site Address: 32 St Helier Drive, Sandfields, SA12 7AW

Proposed Development: Single storey front extension and roof canopy

Site description: The property is a semi-detached property with front and rear garden areas. The front garden consisting of a small lawned area and concrete paving driveway and the rear, larger garden, being a lawn area with some hard surface patio. There are blockwork walls to both sides and rear boundaries. These boundaries will remain unaltered. There are no trees or hedges on the plot.



View of rear elevation showing block walls to both boundaries, lawn and small patio area.



Rear garden view showing all boundaries, lawn and patio area.

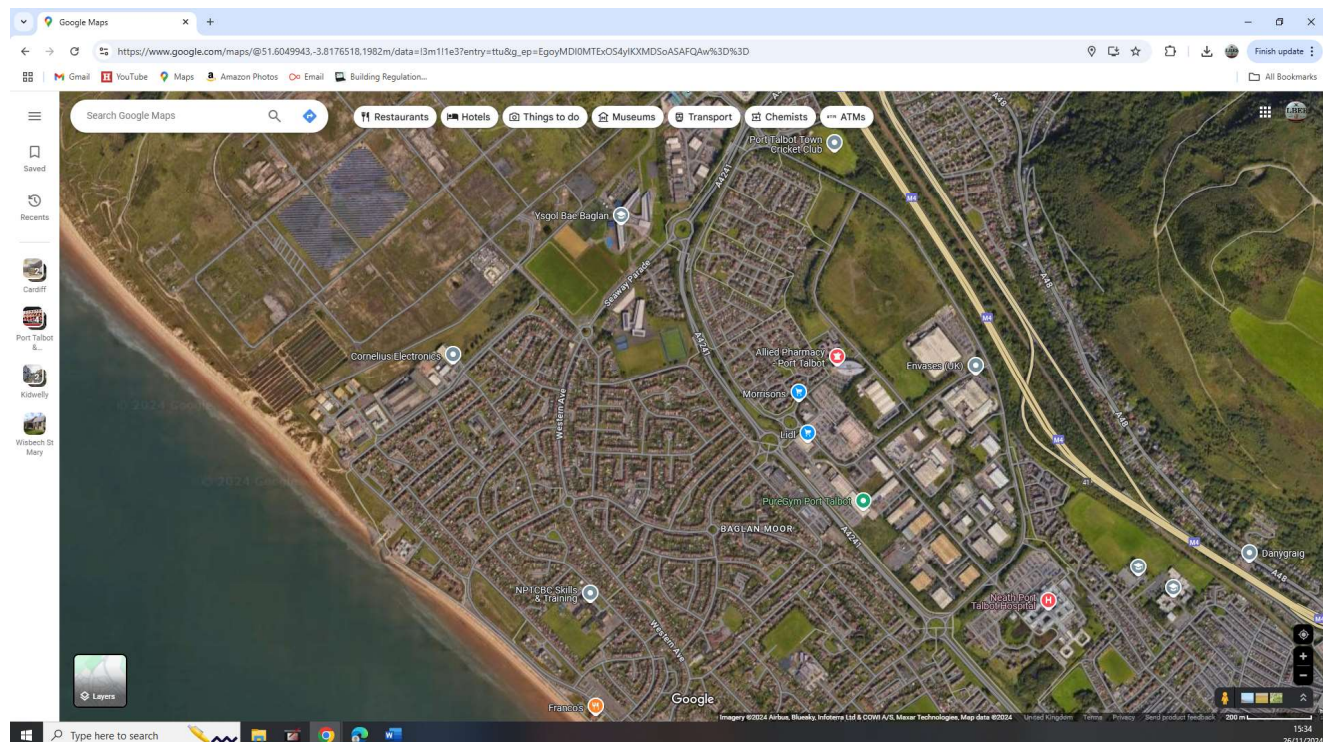
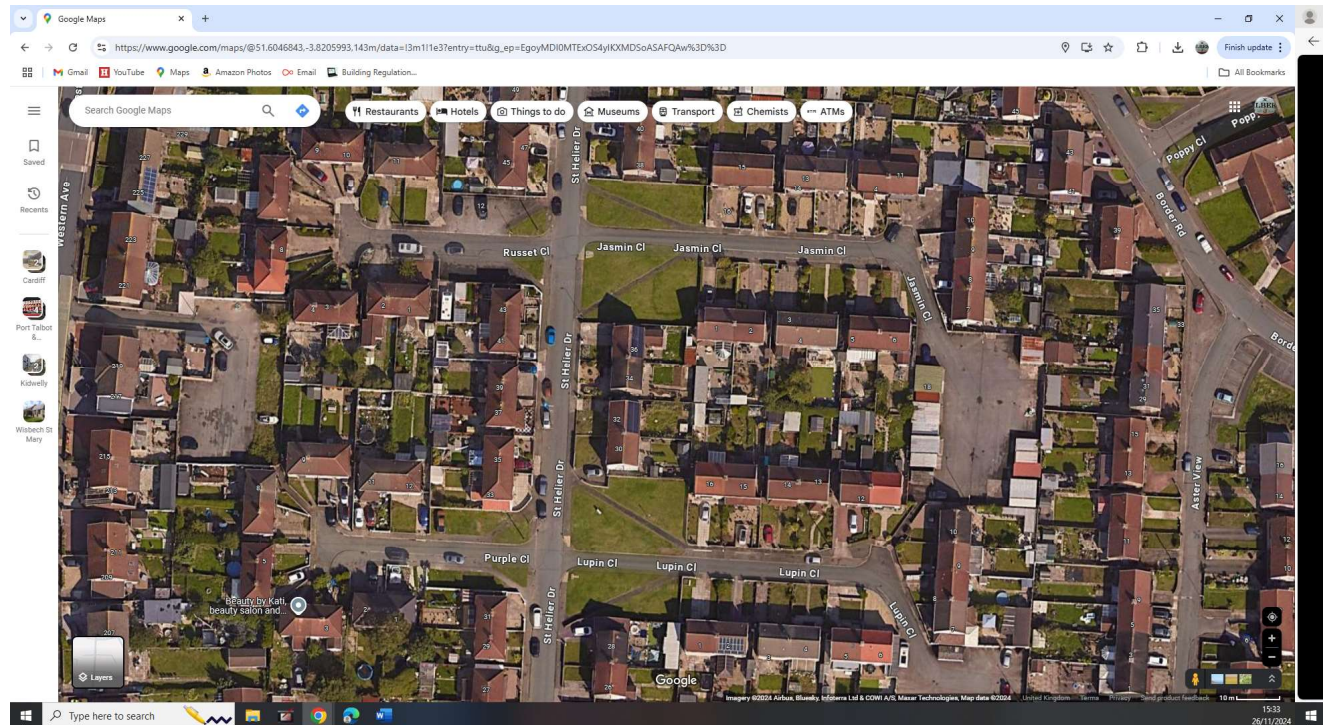


Another rear garden view



View of front elevation including lawn and concrete paving driveway

Surrounding Area description: The application site is on the Sandfields estate on the outskirts of Port Talbot town Centre and in close proximity to Aberavon Beach. It is in a densely populated area with similar properties surrounding our site. This can be seen in the first image. The second image shows the larger extent of the surrounding areas.



Development Impacts:

We are proposing a small front extension which will mainly be built over the existing porch area. Some of the existing lawn may be removed but very little to have any significant impact. No trees or hedges will be removed.

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. 26th November 2024