

Green Infrastructure Statement:

Minor Development / Homeowner

Site Address: 16 Handel Avenue, Sandfields, Port Talbot SA12 7SY

Proposed Development: Single storey rear extension, front porch and new side door

Site description: The property is a semi-detached property with front and rear areas. The front area consisting of a large lawned area and concrete paving pathway. The rear, larger garden, consisting of a lawn area with an existing outbuilding and large concrete patio. There are blockwork and timber walls to both sides and rear boundaries. These boundaries will remain unaltered. There are no trees or hedges on the plot which will be affected in any way.



Rear elevation view showing concrete patio and existing outbuilding and the hard surface area where the new extension will be constructed.



Rear elevation view showing timber and blockwork boundary wall and existing outbuilding.



Front elevation and side view showing blockwork boundary wall and front garden area

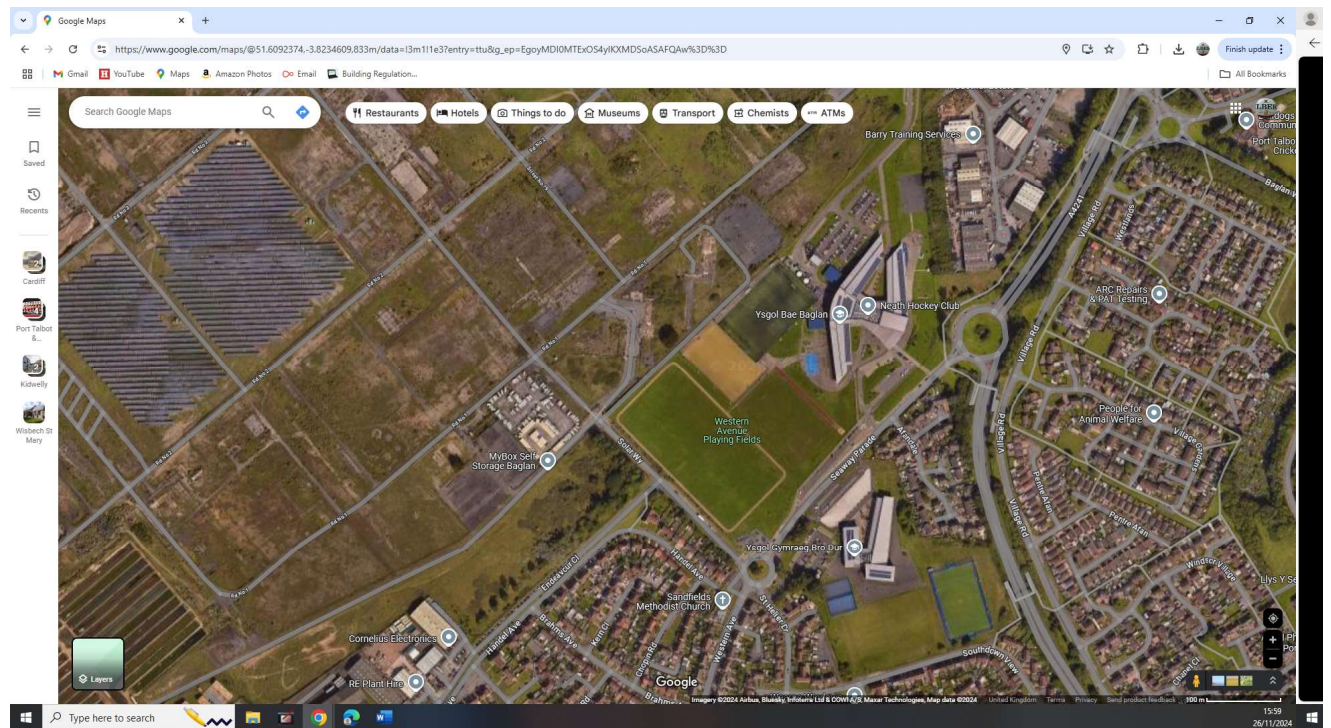
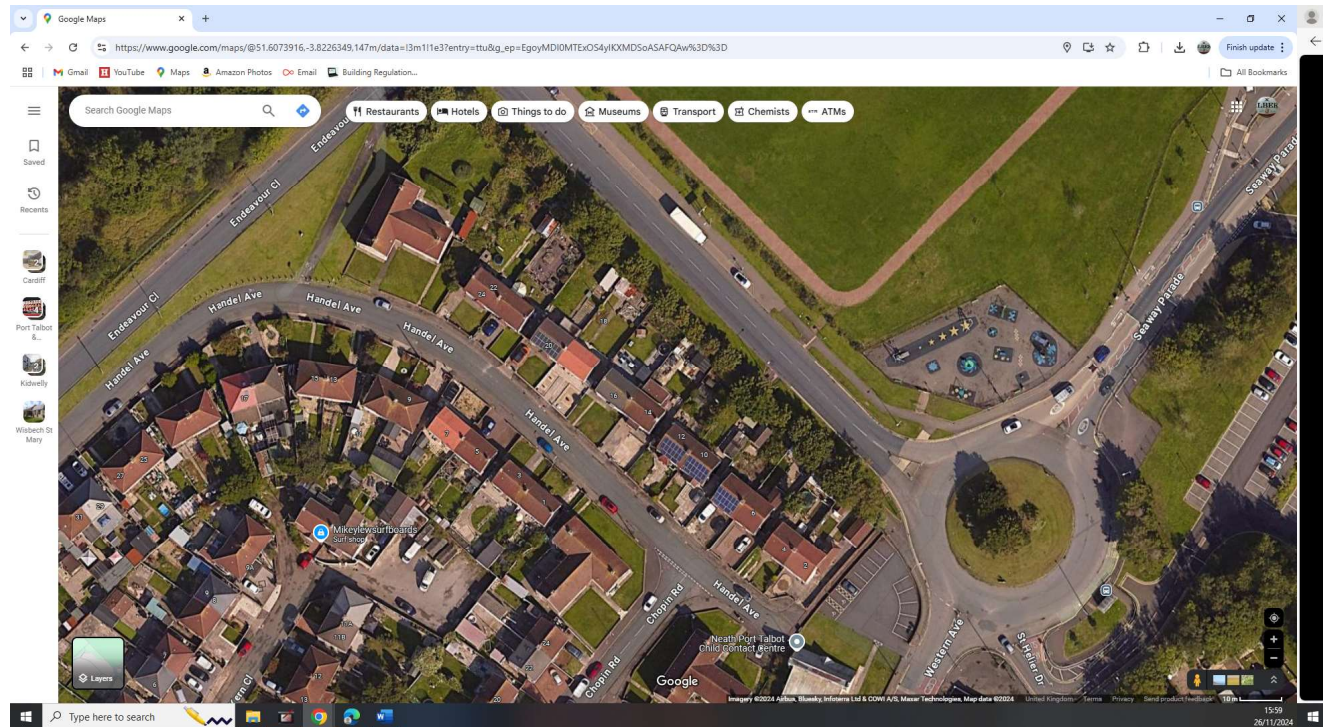


Front elevation view showing lawned area and existing boundaries and the area where the front porch will be erected.



Rear garden area including timber fence boundaries, lawn and concrete patio

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 rear extension which will be constructed on existing hard surface areas and so no biodiversity will be affected. There is also a front porch extension proposed which will be built over some of the front lawn area but very little to have any 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