

# Green Infrastructure Statement:

## Minor Development / Homeowner

**Site Address:** 205 Delfordd, Rhos, Pontardawe SA8 3EW

**Proposed Development:** Single storey front porch extension and single storey rear extension

**Site description:** The property is a detached property with front and rear areas. The front area consisting of a lawn and concrete driveway and the rear area also having a lawn and raised patio. A timber fence bounds the property to the left with a small blockwork wall to the right side. The rear wall is a blockwork wall with timber fencing panels. The boundaries are to remain unaltered and there are no trees or shrubbery which will be removed as part of the construction.



**Timber fence boundary to left hand side neighbour. To remain unaltered.**



**Rear garden view including lawned area, existing raised patio and existing lean to covered area**



**View of front area including concrete driveway and lawned area**

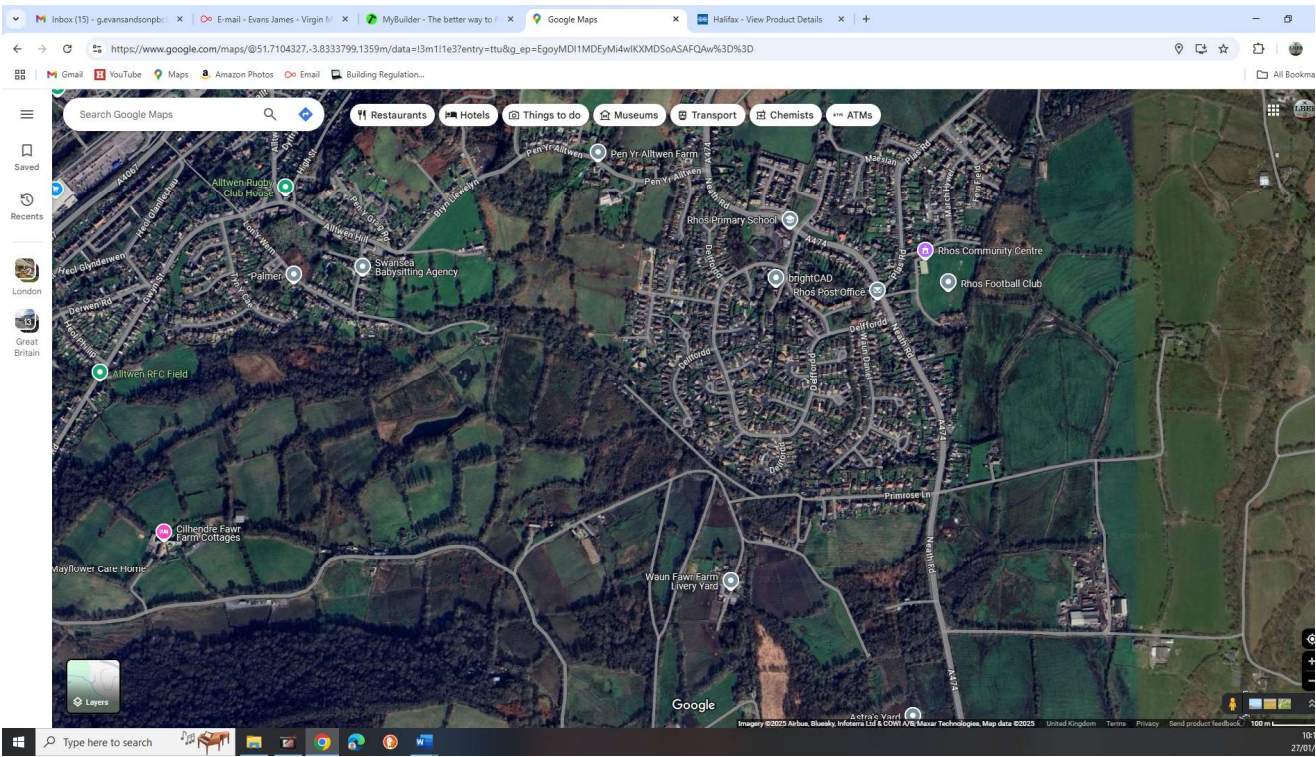
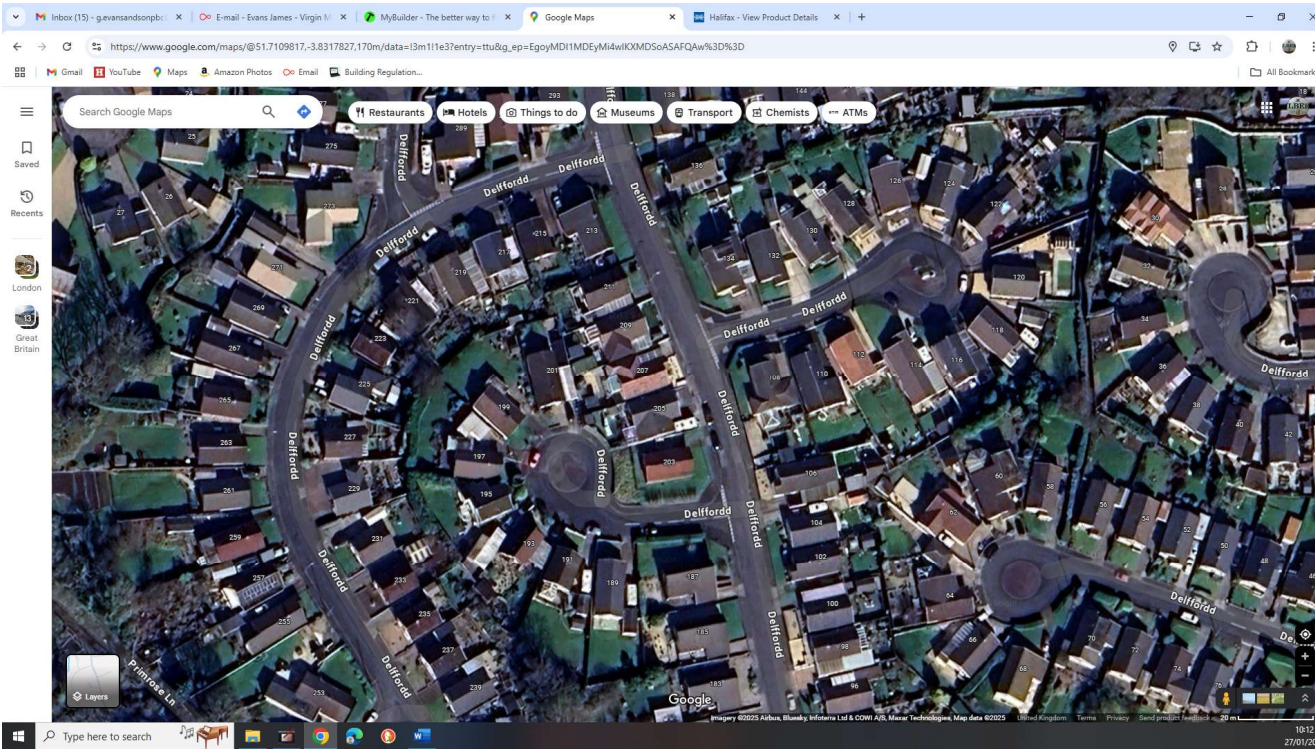


**View of boundary to right hand side neighbour with low blockwork wall. This will remain unaltered.**



**View of rear garden area including lawn and rear boundary fence/wall. This will remain unaltered.**

**Surrounding Area description:** The application site is in the village of Rhos on the outskirts of Pontardawe and Neath town centres. Similar properties surround the site. This can be seen in the first google image. The second image shows the vast areas of green space and biodiversity areas within close proximity to our site.



**Development Impacts:**

The proposed rear extension will be built over what is already a developed raised patio area. This means no green space or habitats will be affected as part of this extension. The front porch extension will intrude slightly onto the lawn but as much of this lawned area will remain as possible. No extensive external lighting proposed, and therefore no impacts beyond the limited localised issues within garden.

**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.        27<sup>th</sup> January 2025