

Green Infrastructure Statement:

Minor Development / Homeowner

Site Address: 1 Neath Road Crynant Neath Port Talbot SA10 8RS

Proposed Development: Proposed two storey side extension and single storey side and rear extension. Additional parking provision within the front garden area.

Site description: For example: Semi-Detached 2 storey property, front, side and rear garden areas. Front garden bounded by hedges and metal railings. Side garden bounded by trees and hedges. Rear garden bounded by metal wire fence (farm field style), trees and brambles. Front garden including grassed lawn and tree. Side garden including two grassed lawns, intersected by planting area and a small woodland. Rear garden including grassed lawn, Greenhouse planting areas & 2 sheds. Hard surfaced area in front of shed and hard surfaced paths. Tarmac driveway runs along the side of house down to detached garage located in back garden.

Surrounding Area description: One house attached to left of property (viewed from front) woodland and riverbank to right side and rear of property.

Development Impacts:

Proposed side extension to be constructed on existing hard driveway and small section of planting. Rear extension would be constructed on hard surface path and small section of planting. Large portion of smaller side lawn and large portion of planting area between side lawns to be utilised as parking. Please note, happy to minimise the parking to as small an area as possible within council guidelines. Hard surface path and minimal area of other/larger side lawn utilised for decking by side of extension. Trees and existing hedge

boundaries unaffected. No external lighting proposed, and therefore no impacts beyond the limited localised issues within garden.

Noting that :Replacement planting shall be at a ratio equivalent to the quality, environmental and ecological importance of the tree(s) lost and this must be preferably onsite, or immediately adjacent to the site, and at a minimum ratio of at least 3 trees of a similar type and compensatory size planted for every 1 lost.

Biodiversity Enhancements Proposed

It is proposed to plant fruit trees in rear garden and to install bird boxes in woodland area in side garden.

This would create additional connectivity, and nesting habitats (taking into account impacts and surrounding features)

Conclusion.

It is considered that subject to the above, that the proposed development would maintain and / or enhance biodiversity, build resilient ecological networks and deliver net benefits for biodiversity by the vast majority of extension being built on existing hard surfaces and by planting fruit trees & installing bird boxes in woodland.

Thus ensuring that any adverse environmental effects are minimized and compensated for.

Signed

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