

Green Infrastructure Statement:

Minor Development / Homeowner

Project: Proposed Single Storey Extension

Site Address: 64 Glyn Road, Lower Brynamman, SA18 1ST

General Introduction:

This Green Infrastructure Statement was created in compliance with Chapter 6 of Planning Policy Wales in order to support to a planning application submitted to Neath Port Talbot County Council for the construction of a single-story rear extension at 64 Glyn Road, Lower Brynamman.

It will describe how green infrastructure has been incorporated into the proposal and how it will be an effective way of demonstrating the impact of the development and how it is mitigated against.



Figure 1 - Aerial view of application site and surrounding area

Proposed Development:

Proposed rear single storey extension and internal modifications. Additional works include take down and removal of existing external WC, patio area and replacement of existing hardstanding driveway to rear of garden. It must be noted that the proposed extension is to replace an existing conservatory and is to be constructed to the same dimensions.

Site description:

The property is a traditionally built detached double storey property, with 2 no. lean to single storey extensions to rear and side, along with a conservatory. Front garden bounded by hedges. Rear garden including hard surfaced patio area, grassed lawn, and adjacent trees to rear of patio area. Boundaries to rear garden fence to right and hedge line to left side. The property benefits from a rear garage and hardstanding driveway that is a to accommodate 3 no. cars.

Surrounding Area description:

The application site is located in a well built-up semi-rural village of Brynamman, within a row of similar type detached properties all accessed directly off Glyn Road and all with similar longitudinal gardens backing onto rear access driveways. Refer to Figure 1 - Aerial view of application site and surrounding area.

Development Impacts:

Proposed single storey extension to be constructed on existing hard surfaced area / existing conservatory. Small section of existing hardstanding to be replaced with new patio. Replacement of existing hardstanding driveway is to be included.

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

Biodiversity Enhancements Proposed

With the proposed works unaffected any trees or hedgerows as mentioned above, the applicants will be looking to further enhance the local connectivity and green infrastructure once the works have been completed. It is proposed to introduce a number of native (and non-native) species plants and shrubs. These will be located within the rear garden in small, raised beds and verges. These will include wildlife friendly species, to encourage insects and pollinators, creating additional small habitats and further improving localised connectivity.

Planting species may include: *(not limited to)*

Sedum (*Hylotelephium spectabile*)

Dog rose (*Rosa canina*) Red valerian (*Centranthus ruber*)

Lavender (*Lavandula angustifolia*)

Clematis Buddleia (butterfly bush)

Verbena bonariensis Hebe species

Common snowdrop (*Alanthus nivalis*)

Snowberry (*Symphoricarpos albus*)

Heather (*Calluna vulgaris*)

Berberis species Bell heather (*Erica cinerea*)

Conclusion.

The site currently has very good connectivity and although there is limited mature vegetation within the immediate interior of the plot the existing green infrastructure does provide excellent connectivity to the surrounding habitats and the wider landscape.

The work would aim to minimize any adverse environmental effects and given the extent of work proposed it is considered the introduction garden shrubs and plants would enhance the ecological features creating additional nesting habitats and increase the connectivity in the local surroundings.

Signed: Mr & Mrs Morgan

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