

Green Infrastructure Statement. (25.02.25)

Minor Development.

Site Address:-

MUGA And Skatepark,
Ffordd Glandwr,
Ystalyfera
SA9 2ER

Proposed Development:-

Increase the height of existing protective fence between the Ysyalyfera Rugby Clubhouse and the MUGA and Skatepark by 2.00m to give additional protection to clubhouse roof.

Site Description:-

The site is located south east of the rugby clubhouse and is bounded by a fence which does not allow entrance to the rugby club ground. Access is gained by an entrance gate off Heol Glandwr. The site is designed for use as a play area and skateboard park for children. Whilst playing with a ball it is occasionally kicked over the existing barrier fence onto the clubhouse roof and has caused damage to it. Increasing the height of the fence would give additional protection and avoid further damage to the roof.

Surrounding Area Description:-

The application site is located to the rear of the clubhouse with part of the club ground to the north eastern side of the park, and the road known as Heol Glandwr to the south western side of the park.

Development Impact:-

The proposed extension in height to the existing fence will not affect the property. There are no trees in the vicinity and the boundary fence will not be affected.

Biodiversity Enhancements Proposals:-

Planning Policy Wales (12) states:

“Planning authorities must follow a step- wise approach to maintain and enhance biodiversity, build resilient ecological networks and deliver net benefits for biodiversity by ensuring that any adverse environmental effects are firstly avoided, then minimized, mitigated, and as a last resort compensated for. Enhancement must be secured by delivering a biodiversity benefit primarily on site or immediately adjacent to the site, over and above that required to mitigate or compensate for any negative impact.”

In this case it is proposed to erected an RSPB ‘Classic’ nest /bird box, per the below specification (or similar):

“Simply styled, sturdily-made timber nest box. Like all our nest boxes, it's made with thick, FSC® certified timber for insulation with a roof designed to prevent rain water running down the inside of the box. The 32mm entrance hole makes it suitable for many bird species.

Side opens for easy end-of-season cleaning. UK made.”



The bird box will be located in the following location:



Conclusion:-

It is considered that the proposed development would maintain and would not affect the condition of the existing biodiversity but would maintain what exists and enhance through the provision of a new nest box