

Green Infrastructure Statement:

Minor Development / Homeowner

Site Address: 7 School Road, Tonna, Neath SA11 3EJ

Proposed Development: Two storey side extension, front porch extension and fenestration alterations

Site description: The property is a semi-detached property with front, side and rear areas. The small front area consisting of a patio area with some flowering plants and shrubs and concrete path to the front door. The side contains a concrete hardstanding and path leading to the rear garden area. There is an existing side extension. The rear area is made up of a mix of paved patio areas, large lawns, separated by a concrete path, and detached shed to the rear of the site. There are timber fence panels to rear and side boundary and blockwork wall to other neighbours boundary. There are no trees or shrubs to the rear of the property.



View of rear area of garden including timber fencing boundaries to rear and side elevation and neighbours large outbuilding forming the remaining boundary.



Front area consisting of small patio, some flowering plants and concrete driveway



View of side elevation where there is an existing side extension. This is area where the new extension will be sited. Stonework boundary wall in place.



Rear elevation view including existing blockwork and timber fence boundaries to neighbours and patio areas. Neighbours large outbuilding can be seen to the left side of the photo

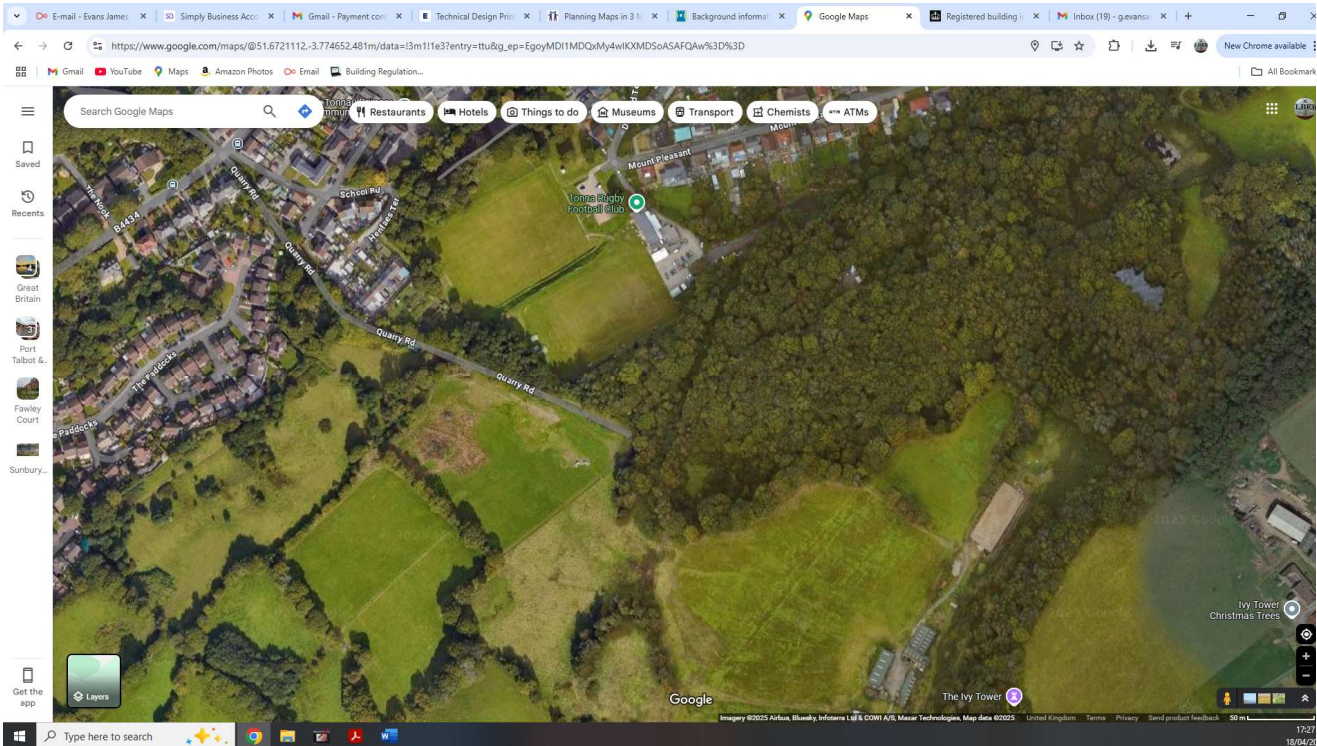
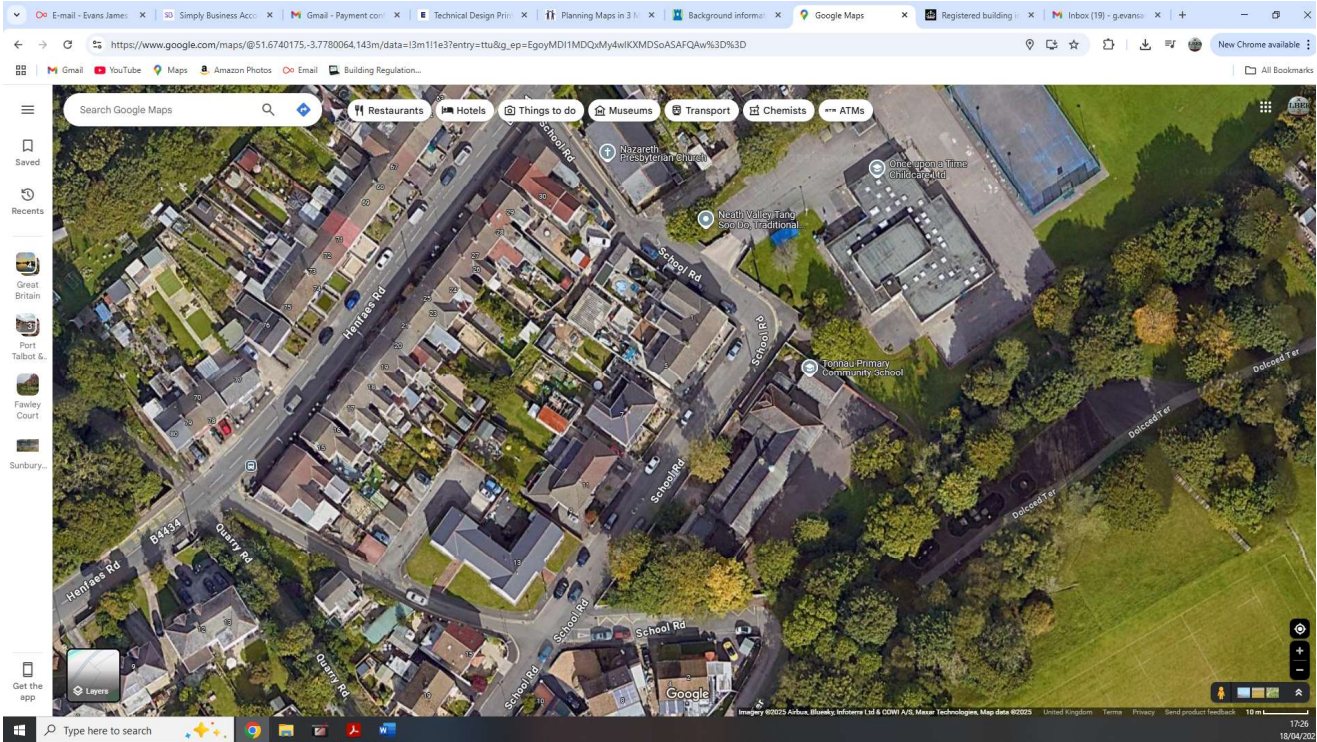


Further rear elevation view including lawns and patio areas



View of large rear garden area including two large lawns separate with a concrete path with timber fence boundary to right side and blockwork boundary to the left side.

Surrounding Area description: The application site is in the village of Tonna, on the outskirts of Neath town centre. Similar properties surround the site, as can be seen in the first image. The second image shows the vast areas of habitats and green space available in the near surrounding areas.



Development Impacts:

The proposed porch will be built on an existing concrete path and patio area and the side extension partially on top of an existing ground floor extension and concrete hardstanding. This means no green space or habitats will be removed or effected in anyway during this process. No trees or shrubbery will be removed, and all boundaries are to remain the same. Even there will be no biodiversity impact in relation to our development we intend to offer the following to ensure the site is enhanced after the development has occurred.

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

Dated. 19th April 2025