

Green Infrastructure Statement:

Minor Development / Homeowner

Site Address: 32 Heol Y Felin, Caewern, Neath SA10 7SD

Proposed Development: Proposed detached garden room

Site description: The property is a semi-detached property with front, side and rear areas. To the front there is a concrete driveway and gravelled area. To the side the concrete driveway and hardstanding continues to the rear of the property. The rear area consisting of a large lawn and detached shed. There are blockwork boundary walls to both sides and a timber fence to the rear boundary. These will all remain unaffected.



View of rear of existing property showing blockwork boundary wall and rear lawned area.



View of rear boundary area including timber fencing to rear boundary, lawn and blockwork wall to side neighbours. Also showing neighbours existing shed.



View of large rear lawned area with timber fence and blockwork boundary walls and existing detached shed.

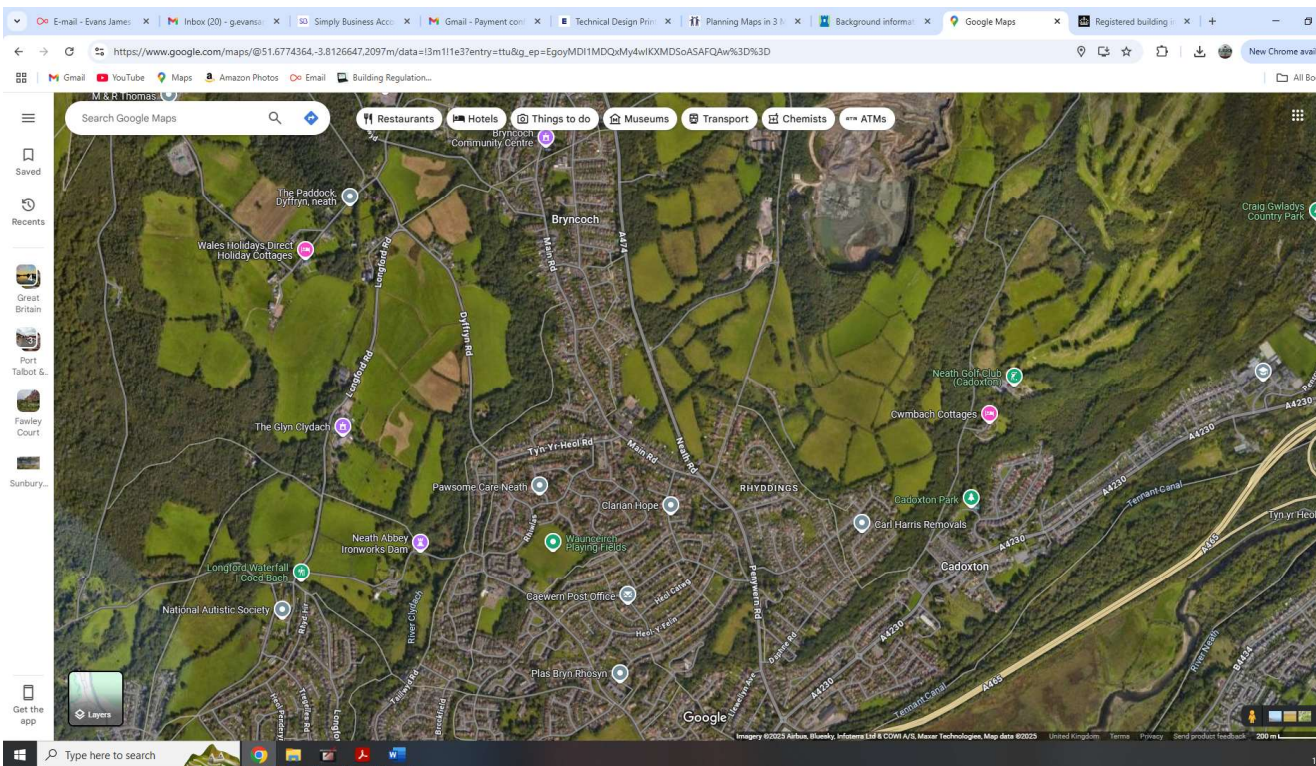
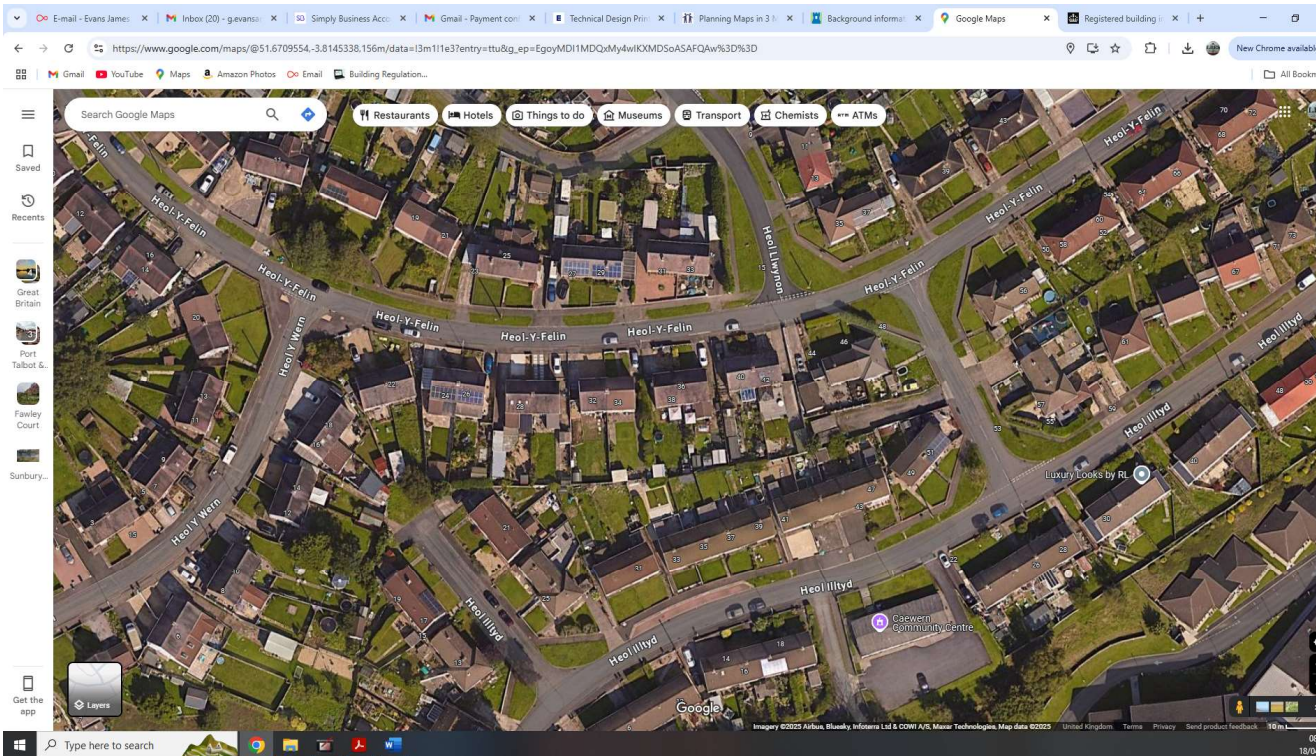


Large rear lawned area and site of proposed new garden room



View of rear elevation of main house. Lawned area and neighbours boundary can be seen

Surrounding Area description: The application site is in the village of Caewern, on the outskirts of Neath town centre. It is surrounded by similar properties to the front, rear and sides. This can be seen in the first image. The second, wider image, shows the close proximity of our plot to substantial green pace and abundant habitats.



Development Impacts:

The proposed garden room will be sited over an existing lawned area. No trees and shrubbery will be removed as part of the development. It has also been shown on the images provided that there are vast areas of green space and biodiversity habitats in close proximity of the property meaning negligible impact from our proposed development. However, even though little biodiversity will be affected as part of the development it is proposed to offer some compensations.

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. 18th April 2025