

Green Infrastructure Statement

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Applicant

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Site Address

6, Heol y Ffynon, Cimla, Neath. SA11 3YU (E 277097 , N 196407)

Scope of works

The proposed works will see the demolition of the existing garden room to the rear of the property and construction of a new garden room.

Introduction

This statement has been produced to accompany a householder planning application, its goal is to address the updated National Planning Policy for Chapter 6 of the Planning Policy, which sets out the policy for biodiversity and nature, and to look at possible green infrastructure enhancement opportunities.

The application is a minor development, and therefore the scope of the statement reflects this, contains short descriptions, and demonstrates the positive effect on the overall biodiversity and ecology within the development.

Site description

The existing property is a semi-detached two-storey residential house, with a detached garden room to the rear.

To the front of the house, there is a parking area with the boundary defined by the change in material from paving / concrete to the tarmac pavement.

To the rear of the house there is a patio area, an artificial lawn area and an upper patio area. The rear boundaries are defined by 1800 high close-boarded fence. A few potted plants are scattered to the rear patios and lawn area.



The land to the side of the house is used for car parking. The boundary between properties is defined by the concrete block wall.

There are no mature trees or hedgerows located within the application site.

Surrounding area description

The application site is part of a large housing development of Cimla, a village on the outskirts of Neath that was built sometime in the 1980s. The front gardens of are open to the street with a few have low level walls or post and rail fences to define the front boundaries. All have small lawned gardens.

To the south of the application site there is another row of houses with a green woodland strip / wild life corridor to the rear.

To the north, east and west, there are more houses.



Google Maps Extract.

Development Impacts

There are no trees or hedgerows within the vicinity of the proposed development.

The proposed garden room will occupy the same space as the current garden room and, as such, avoids an impact on habitats and species.



Whilst positions of external lighting are not shown, any proposed light fitting will be wall-mounted to the decking, fixed no higher than 2.1m above finished floor level, and will use bulbs with a colour temperature of 2700K to ensure that bats are not adversely affected.

Biodiversity Enhancements Proposed

Future Wales mandates that development must contribute to a "net benefit for biodiversity", which includes maintaining and enhancing biodiversity and should not cause significant harm to habitats or species and must actively improve the natural environment.

Given the scale of the proposal, it is considered that the provision of a bird within the site will provide adequate ecological enhancement. The location of the box is indicated on the submitted drawings.

We proposed to erect a Vivara Pro Woodstone house sparrow nest box fixed at a higher level as indicated on the elevation. The boxes chosen are made from woodcrete to ensure they remain in good condition for a considerable time without the need for maintenance. The box will be fitted in accordance with the supplier guidance within 3 months if the works are completed.



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 ensuring that any adverse environmental effects are avoided/ minimized/ mitigated, compensated for.

Signed, Gary Seymour

Dated. 5th May 2025.

