

Green Infrastructure Statement:

Minor Development / Homeowner

Site Address: 21 Lon Catwg, Gellinudd, Pontardawe, Swansea, SA8 3DU

Proposed Development: Single Storey Extension over existing driveway to side of property.

Site description: Semi Detached, 2 storey property, front and rear garden areas. Front lawn is joined to neighbouring front garden (no fence divide). Rear garden consists of multiple levels, including astro turf and decking with potted plants/shrubs. Side boundary with large established conifer hedge. Detached outbuilding to rear with decking above.

Surrounding Area description: Application site located in a frontage of similar properties. Farmland/fields/woodland close by.

Development Impacts: Proposed extension to be constructed on existing hard surfaced driveway. No removal of any existing lawn, vegetation or habitats. No external lighting proposed, and therefore no change to current environment with regard to this. Velux windows to be added to the roof of proposed extension to maximise use of natural light.

Noting that :Replacement planting shall be at a ratio equivalent to the quality, environmental and ecological importance of the tree(s) lost and this must be preferably onsite, or immediately adjacent to the site, and at a minimum ratio of at least 3 trees of a similar type and compensatory size planted for every 1 lost.

Biodiversity Enhancements Proposed

The proposed development is to be built on an existing driveway with no removal of any vegetation or habitats.

It is proposed that a bird box will be added to the established rear garden.

Further shrubs/potted plants to be added to create a more mature garden for any wildlife/nesting in the area.

Conclusion.

It is considered that subject to the above, that the proposed development would enhance biodiversity. There are proposed additions to the rear garden (as stated above) despite the proposed development not impacting any current greenery or habitats.

Thus ensuring that any adverse environmental effects are mitigated.

Signed:

Bethan Griffiths

Dated. 1st June 2025