

Green Infrastructure Statement:

Minor Development / Homeowner

Site Address: 20 Glynneath Road, Resolven, Port Talbot SA11 4DP

Proposed Development: New retaining wall and excavated garden area

Site description: The property is a detached property with front, side and rear areas. To the front of the property is a raised entrance yard including access steps and patio area by entrance door. To the side of the property are some outbuildings and access path to the rear of the property and rear raised garden area. To the rear of the property is a substantial area set on raised tiered areas. Much of this area is overgrown and unkempt. Trees and mature shrubs bound the property to the side and rear and much of these will be left untouched apart from the area of the new retaining wall. There is an old lean-to outbuilding in place where the new extension will be sited. The new retaining wall will allow for the new extension to be erected and a more manageable garden area.



View of rear area where the retaining wall will be sited. Area is currently overgrown and unkempt as it is not accessible to manage



Rear elevation view of existing rear lean to outbuilding where new extension will be sited and area of new retaining wall. Side area with existing outbuildings can also be seen.

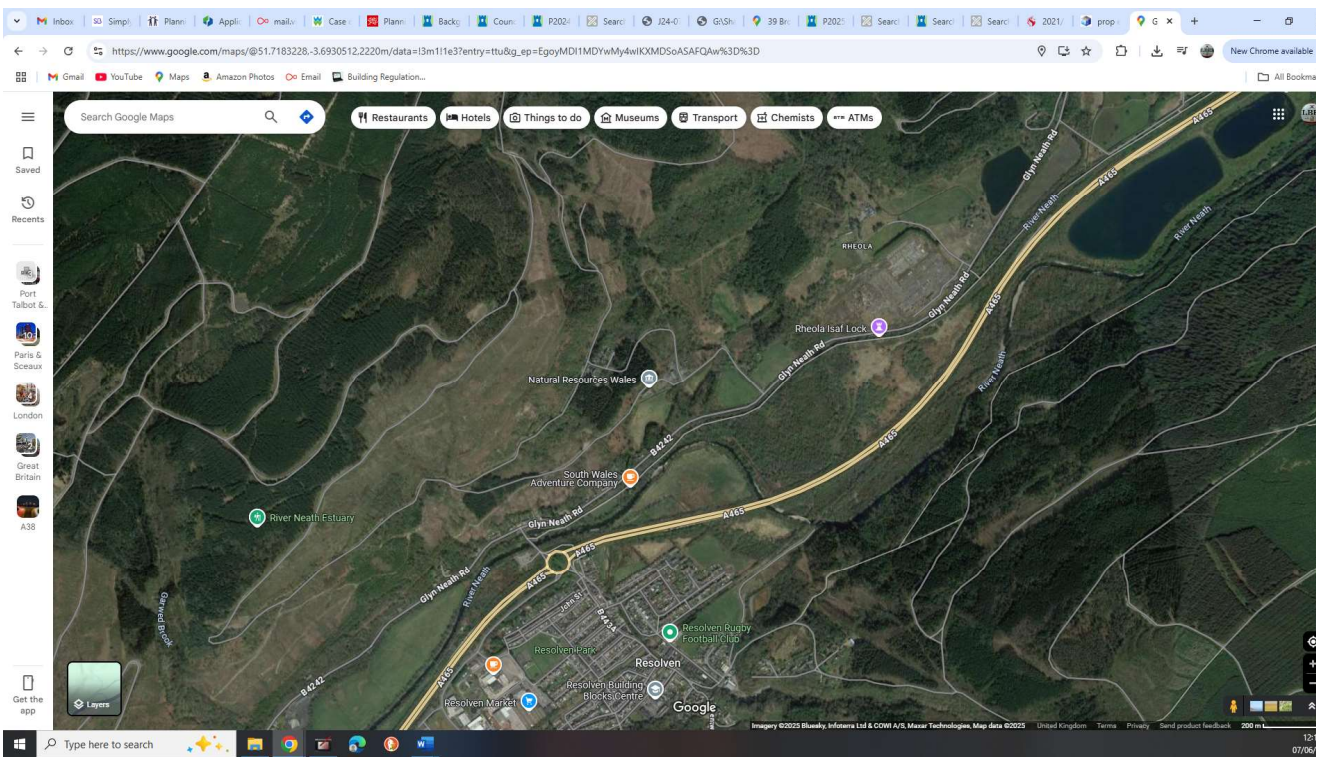
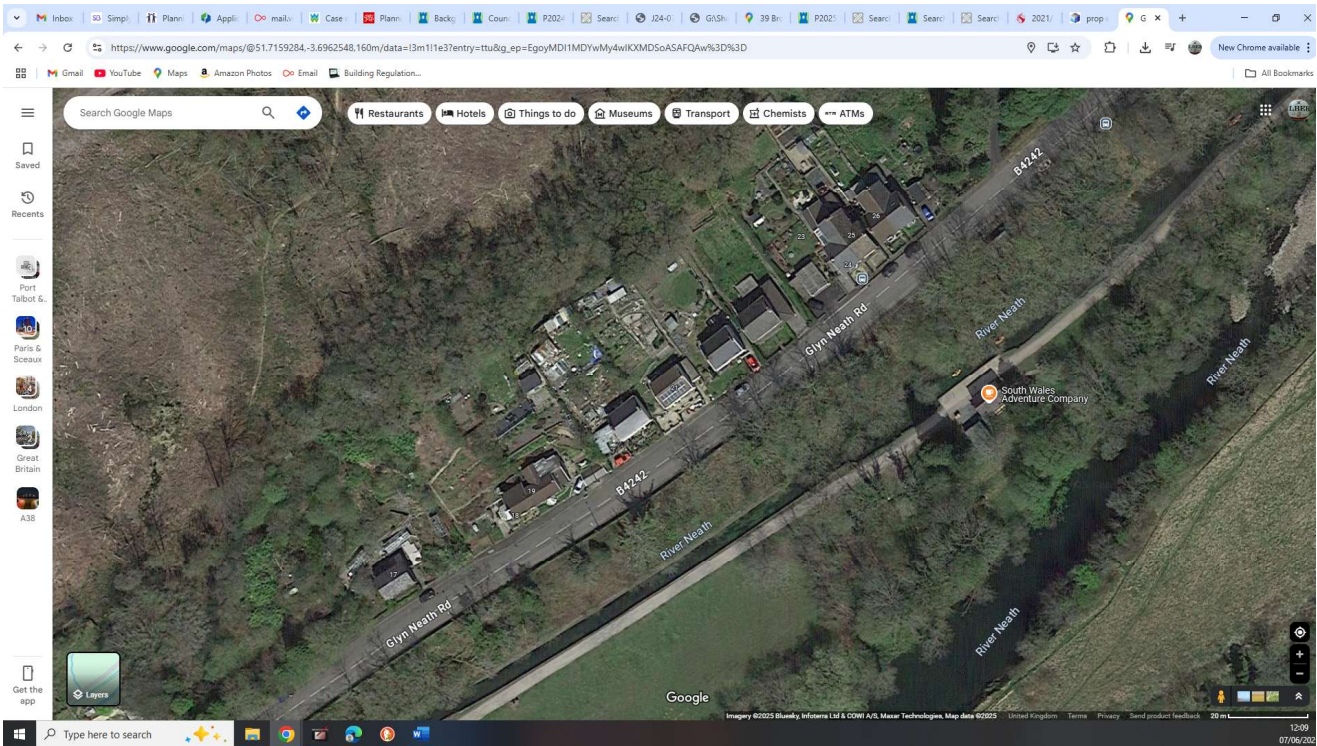


Front elevation of property showing raised property and small front yard area. Access steps to the raised property from the road can be seen on the left side.



Existing rear lean to extension and retaining wall. This is where the new extension will be sited and retaining wall erected. No green areas will be removed for the extension.

Surrounding Area description: The application site is in the village of Resolven on the outskirts of Neath Town centre. Similar properties surround the property, as can be seen in the first image, which back onto vast areas of green space and plentiful habitats which can be seen in the second image.



Development Impacts:

The proposed extension will be sited over an area where the existing lean-to extension now sits and the retaining wall erected to allow for this extension. The retaining wall will be erected over an area which is currently unkempt and unmanageable and where there is no lawn or habitats of any significance. The retaining wall will allow the garden to become much safer and more manageable. Little biodiversity impacts will be made but it is still considered appropriate to offer this compensation as follows.

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. 7th June 2025