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GREEN INFRASTRUCTURE STATEMENT

Project **Provision of new access door**

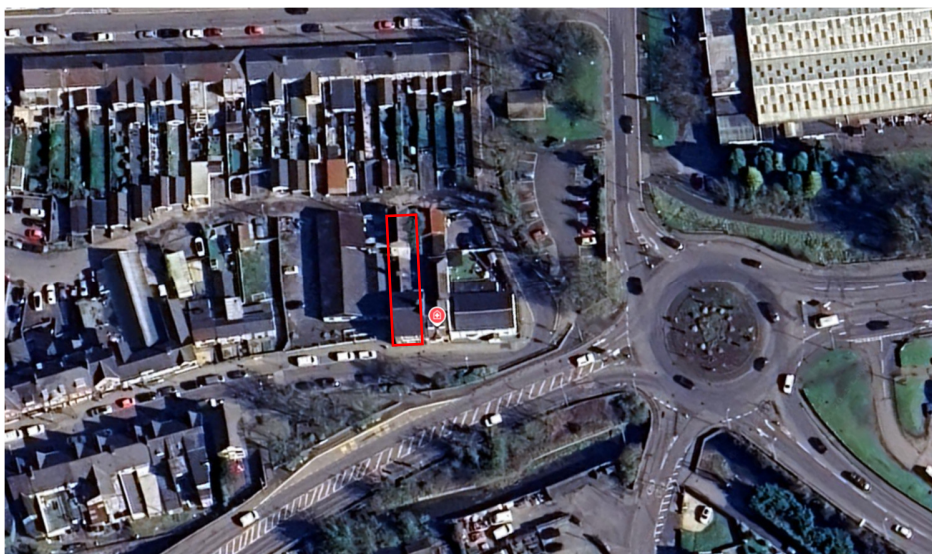
Address: Former Jubilee Club
Herbert Street, Pontardawe
SA8 4ED

Date: 14th June 2025

General Introduction:

In accordance with Chapter 6 of Planning Policy Wales, this Green Infrastructure Statement has been prepared to support a Planning Application made to Neath Port Talbot County Council for the provision of a new doorway at 98 Jubilee Club, Herbert Street, Pontardawe.

This GIS will describe how green infrastructure has been incorporated into the proposal following the - step-wise approach referred to in the Planning guidance and will be an effective way of demonstrating the impact of the development and how it is mitigated against.



Aerial view of application site and surrounding area



Site Description:

The application site is located in a built-up town centre within the village of Pontardawe. The property is located within a row of similar terraced property all fronting Herbert Street.

The property is a traditionally built double storey building with facing brick walls, decorative cornices and pelmets, window surrounds and plinths and part rendered with cement based dashed render with a slate covered pitched roof. *(Refer to Architectural Drawings).*

STEP WISE APPROACH - STEP A: IDENTIFY

Existing Green Infrastructure:

The site is currently within a built up town centre landscape with some established trees and flower beds in the immediate locality with areas of amenity grassland, hedgerows and Gardens within the town vicinity. There are numerous large areas of mature scrub woodland within a 2 mile radius along with a Nature reserve located some 1mile away.

The application site does not contain any green infrastructure.

Existing street lighting is present along Herbert Street.

STEP WISE APPROACH - STEP B: AVOID

The proposed work would **not reduce the current amount of green infrastructure**
No green amenity space will be taken up, lost or removed.

STEP WISE APPROACH – STEP C: RESPOND & DESIGN

Development Impacts / The Proposal:

Whilst there is sufficient Green Infrastructure within the town centre and localised areas within the vicinity it is important to respond to current climate requirements with the need to improve connectivity and habitability. In response we feel the additional planting of native species shrubs and plants in raised hanging baskets and planters will be in keeping with the proportion of the development and will enhance the current ecological features.

No additional lighting is proposed within the garden area, therefore minimal impact beyond the limited localised issues within the current garden and neighbouring areas.

STEP WISE APPROACH – STEPs D: MITIGATE

No green infrastructure or amenity space will be lost to accommodate the work.

STEP WISE APPROACH – STEP E: COMPENSATE

No compensation required for any loss.

STEP WISE APPROACH - STEP F: ENHANCE

Proposed Green Infrastructure Measures and Bio-diversity enhancement:

To further enhance the local connectivity and green infrastructure, it is proposed to introduce a number of native species plants and shrubs. These will be located in raised hanging baskets and planters and will include wildlife friendly species, to encourage insects and pollinators, creating additional small habitats and further improving localised connectivity.

Planting species may include: *(not limited to)*

Common snowdrop (*Alanthus nivalis*)
Sedum (*Hylotelephium spectabile*)
Rubus fruticosus agg.
Hemp Agrimony (*Eupatorium cannabinum*)
Field scabious (*Knautia arvensis*)

Common holly (*Ilex aquifolium*)
Honeysuckle (*Lonicera periclymenum*)
Common mallow (*Malva sylvestris*)
Heather (*Calluna vulgaris*)
Bell heather (*Erica cinerea*)

STEP WISE APPROACH - STEP G: MAINTAIN

The planting scheme will be implemented with 1 month of beneficial completion. Regular maintenance will be carried out to ensure the planting scheme remains effective.

STEP WISE APPROACH - STEP H: MONITOR

The Planting scheme will be reviewed annually to monitor the effectiveness of each species to ensure the enhancement remains effective. Should plants die or become too overgrown they will be pruned or replaced.

Conclusion:

The local area has sufficient connectivity and green infrastructure. The provision of the supplementary planting would aim to minimize any adverse environmental effects and given the extent of work proposed it is considered the introduction of various shrubs and plants would be **proportionate to the scale of the development** and **enhance** the ecological features, creating additional nesting habitats and increase the connectivity in the local surroundings.