

Green Infrastructure Statement:

Minor Development / Homeowner

Site Address: 45 Cimla Road, Neath, SA11 3TW

Proposed Development: Two storey side and rear extension

Site description: The property is a semi-detached property with front and rear areas. The front consisting of a hard surfaced brickwork parking area and path and the rear, much larger garden, consisting of a small patio and substantial lawned area. There are timber fence boundaries to all three sides and these will remain in place. There are also some mature trees to the rear of the garden but these are well away from the development area and will be unaffected.



View of rear lawn area with mature trees to the rear boundary



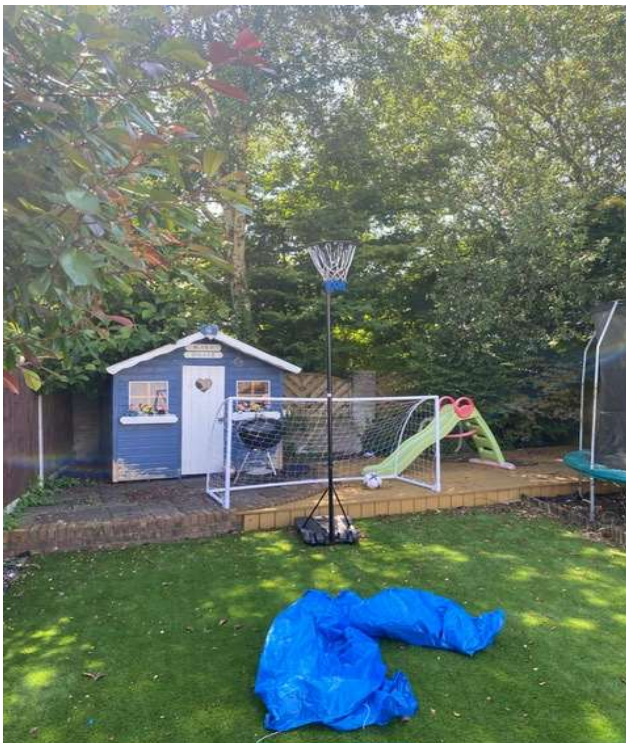
View of rear elevation and lawn area with timber panel boundaries to both neighbours



Front elevation with brickwork front yard and solid wall boundaries. These will remain unaltered.



View of side boundary to neighbour. Timber fence panels will remain

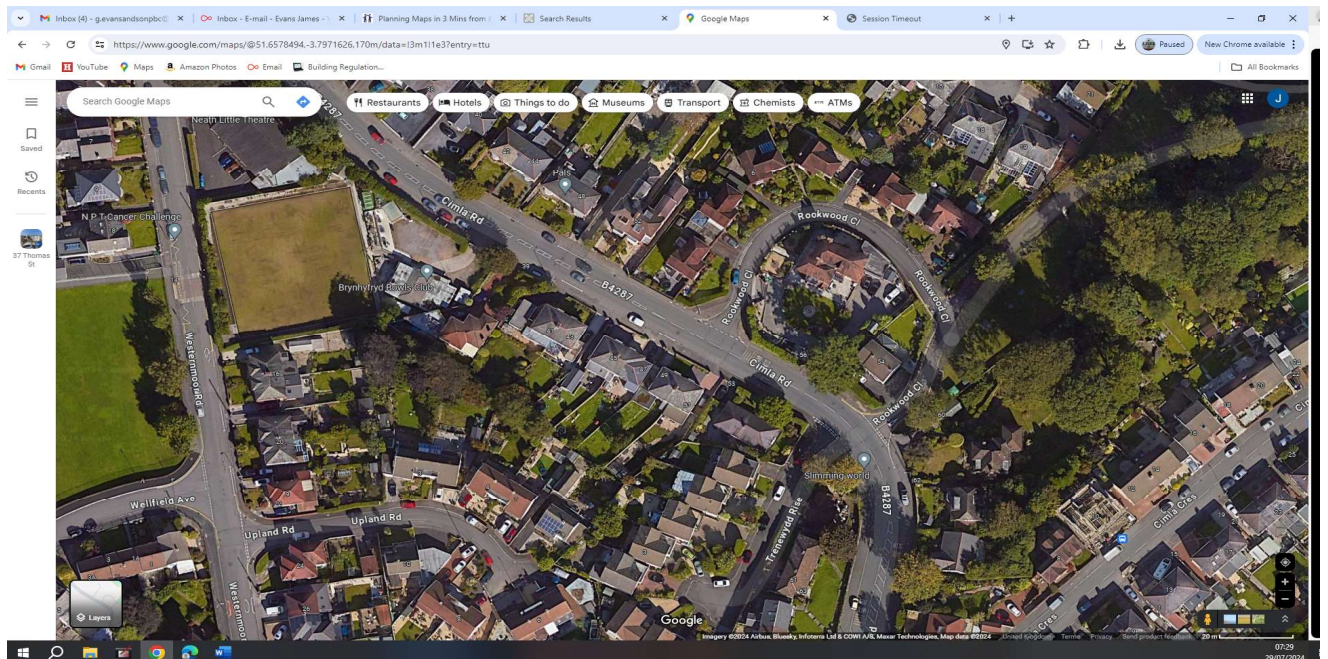


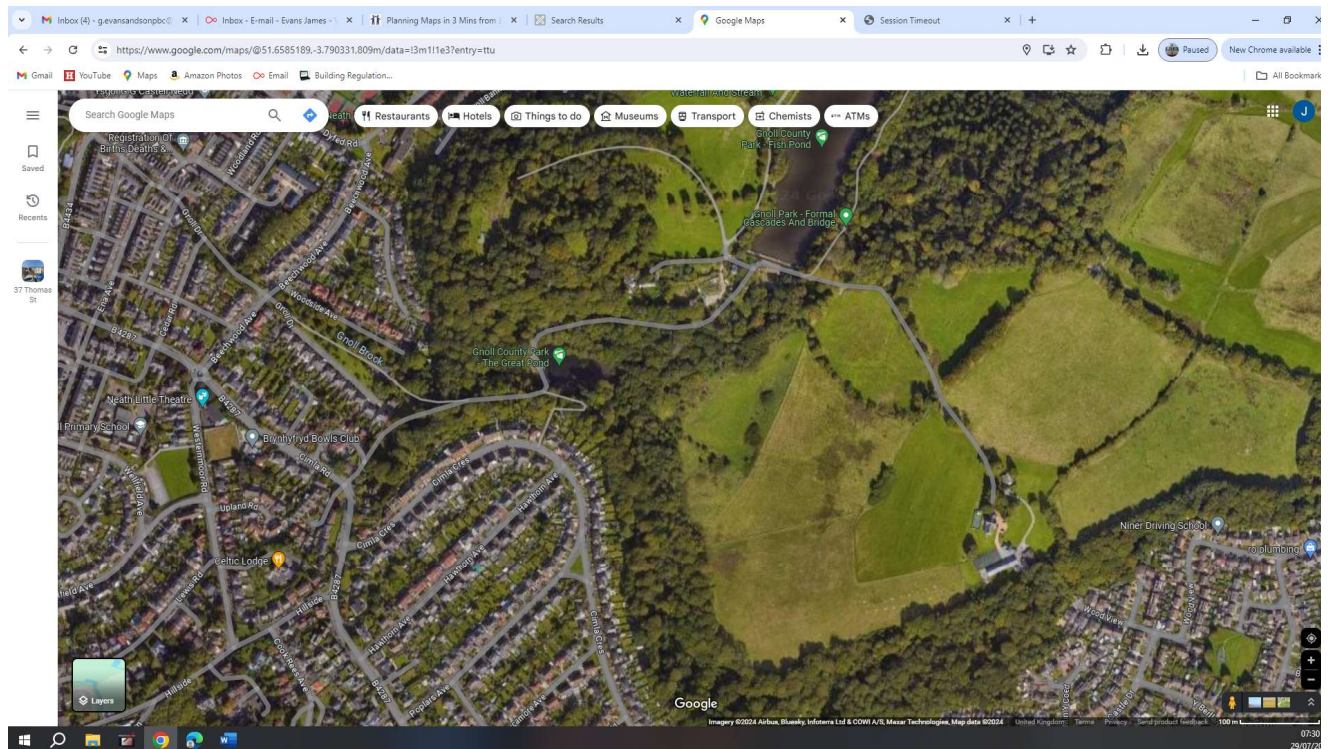
View of rear boundary of timber fencing and blockwork wall and mature trees. These will all remain unaltered



View of side boundary to other neighbour showing timber panel fencing. This will remain unaltered.

Surrounding Area description: The application site is in close proximity to the town centre of Neath, with similar properties either side of it and to the rear of the site. The site is also in close proximity to the Gnoll Country Park Estate which is a large area of biodiversity offering substantial habitats. This is shown on the second google photo.





Development Impacts:

The proposed extension will be sited on an existing hard surfaced area and so no green space or habitats are being removed as part of the development. All boundaries are to remain the same and the mature trees in the rear garden will not be affected by the development.

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 maintain and 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 (Agent)

Dated. 27th July 2024