

Green Infrastructure Statement: REV A 21.03.25

Minor Development / Homeowner

Site Address:

Bryn Celyn
Neath Road
Fforest Goch
SA8 3JB

Proposed Development:

Full planning application for the erection of an agricultural barn in the field adjacent to the house.

Site description:

The site is adjacent to the main road on the edge of Fforest Gogh.

The house has a garden to the south of the site and the client has recently purchased a disused field to the north of the house. The field is currently a mixture of bare grass and brambles with semi mature and mature trees to the perimeter which provide a good level of screening from the road. The field drains to a ditch to the west of the site.

An ecological and tree survey of the field was completed for a recent application on the same site in 2024. (P2024/0698).

While this application is for a previously approved application the ecological assessment of the field and proposed enhancements are both current and relevant to the new proposal.

Surrounding Area description:

To the south of the site is an adjacent property.

To the north is agricultural land with a large agricultural shed that has recently been erected.

The site is close to a SSSI which borders the adjacent property. The relationship of the SSSI to the site and proposed development is described in the ecological report.

Development Impacts:

Ecological enhancements are described in the ecological report and will be implemented as part of the approved development P2024/0698.

The proposed enhancements will have a beneficial impact on biodiversity across the wider site.

There is some loss of field to the proposed development however the ecology report confirms that the existing field is previously disused agricultural land and composed primarily of bare ground and brambles and of limited ecological value.

The ecological report states "the recommendations would result in a diverse habitat, far exceeding the current ecological value"

The proposed barn will provide a complementary use of the field as grazing.

It is proposed that in addition to the ecological enhancement proposed to the field under P2024/0698 that bird and bat boxes are added to the field barn as part of this application.

These have been marked on drawings 2101.

Biodiversity Enhancements Proposed

Bird & bat boxes located on the proposed barn

The development is modest in scale and these additions will provide additional habitat space for the site.

Conclusion.

It is considered that subject to the above, that the ecological enhancements proposed for both the approved development P2024/0698 and the proposed barn will enhance biodiversity, build resilient ecological networks and deliver net benefits for biodiversity by improving over 2000m² of currently poor quality agricultural land and boundary planting that has been neglected and unmanaged for many years.

This will ensure that any adverse environmental effects by the construction of the proposed buildings are adequately compensated for by the proposed ecological enhancements.

Signed

Andrew Docherty: Black Cat Architects

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