

Green Infrastructure Statement:

Minor Development / Homeowner

Site Address: 23 Main Road, Bryncoch, Neath SA10 7PD.

Proposed Development: Hip to gable dormer loft conversion, single storey rear extension, increase existing off-road parking and extend drop-kerb to suit.

Site description:

Semi-detached 2 storey property, front and rear garden areas. Front of property comprises a single recessed parking bay formed with retaining walls, flanked by a small lawn and tree on one side, and a concrete path with railings up to the entrance door and a low-level block wall to the boundary on the right side. Rear garden including hard surfaced patio area, a grassed lawn, hard standing and planting. Boundaries to rear garden fence to left, a mixture of fence and block wall to the right. Detached shed to the rear garden.

Surrounding Area description:

Application site located in a frontage of similar properties with farmers field to rear.

Development Impacts:

Connectivity, creating gaps, losing trees, canopy cover, loss of vegetation/grassed areas, permeable surfaces, works within roof (bats?)

For example: Proposed extension to be constructed on existing hard surfaced patio area. Small section of existing lawn to be removed to accommodate extended patio. Trees and existing hedge boundaries unaffected. No external lighting proposed, and therefore no impacts beyond the limited localised issues within garden.

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:

It is proposed to install a bird box to the front or side elevation of the property, location to be agreed with the Planning Officer.

This would create a nesting habitat (considering impacts and surrounding features).

Conclusion:

It is considered that subject to the above, that the proposed development would maintain and / or enhance biodiversity, build resilient ecological networks and deliver net benefits for biodiversity by relocating existing planting to the rear and installing a bird box.

Thus, ensuring that any adverse environmental effects are mitigated.

Signed: *R. Cridland*

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