

Green Infrastructure Statement

Site Address: Land Adjacent To 2A Brynhyfryd Road, Briton Ferry, SA11 2HT

Proposal: Regularise and retain as-built development at the rear of the approved scheme, including the construction of a garage and separate covered walkway to provide access to No. 157 Shelone Road.

1. Baseline Site Context and Constraints

- The site lies within a residential context, characterised by existing housing and gardens.
- There are no trees or designated habitats on the application site.
- The development does not encroach on any known ecological designations.

2. Existing Green Infrastructure

- Prior to development, the land consisted mainly of hardstanding surface, with low ecological value.
- There is no loss of public green space or natural features as a result of the proposal.

3. Green Infrastructure Assessment

Given the small-scale and nature of the development, we believe that opportunities to deliver meaningful green infrastructure enhancements are extremely limited.

- The garage and walkway are minor, functional structures.
- The site does not connect with or form part of any ecological network or habitat corridor.
- The development will not result in any measurable loss of biodiversity or habitat.

Accordingly, we do not believe that installing artificial biodiversity features (e.g. bird or bat boxes) would provide any significant ecological benefit within this particular urbanised context.

Nonetheless, the applicant is committed to the principles of sustainable development and would be willing to install a small water butt for rainwater harvesting as a proportionate enhancement.

4. Summary and Compliance

This Green Infrastructure Statement provides a realistic and site-sensitive evaluation of potential enhancements. We respectfully submit that, due to the modest scale and constrained nature of the site, no meaningful biodiversity enhancement opportunities exist, and the inclusion of a water butt represents a reasonable contribution in line with the Step-Wise approach outlined in Neath Port Talbot's LDP.