

Green Infrastructure Statement:

Minor Development / Homeowner

Site Address: 61 Woodlands Park Drive, Cadoxton Neath SA10 8AW

Proposed Development: Proposed single storey rear and side extension, raise garage roof, new rear access steps and fenestration alterations

Site description: The property is a detached property with front, side and rear areas. The front area consists of a small lawn with mature shrubs and brick paved driveway. There is a concrete side path leading to the rear garden area. The rear garden has raised areas with plentiful trees, hedges and shrubbery. No trees or green areas will be removed or affected as part of the development. The extension will be sited on already hard surfaced areas.



View of area where rear and side extension will be sited. Area is already hardstanding/steps so no green areas removed



View of rear elevation and raised patio area. The new extension will be sited onto the existing hard surfaced areas

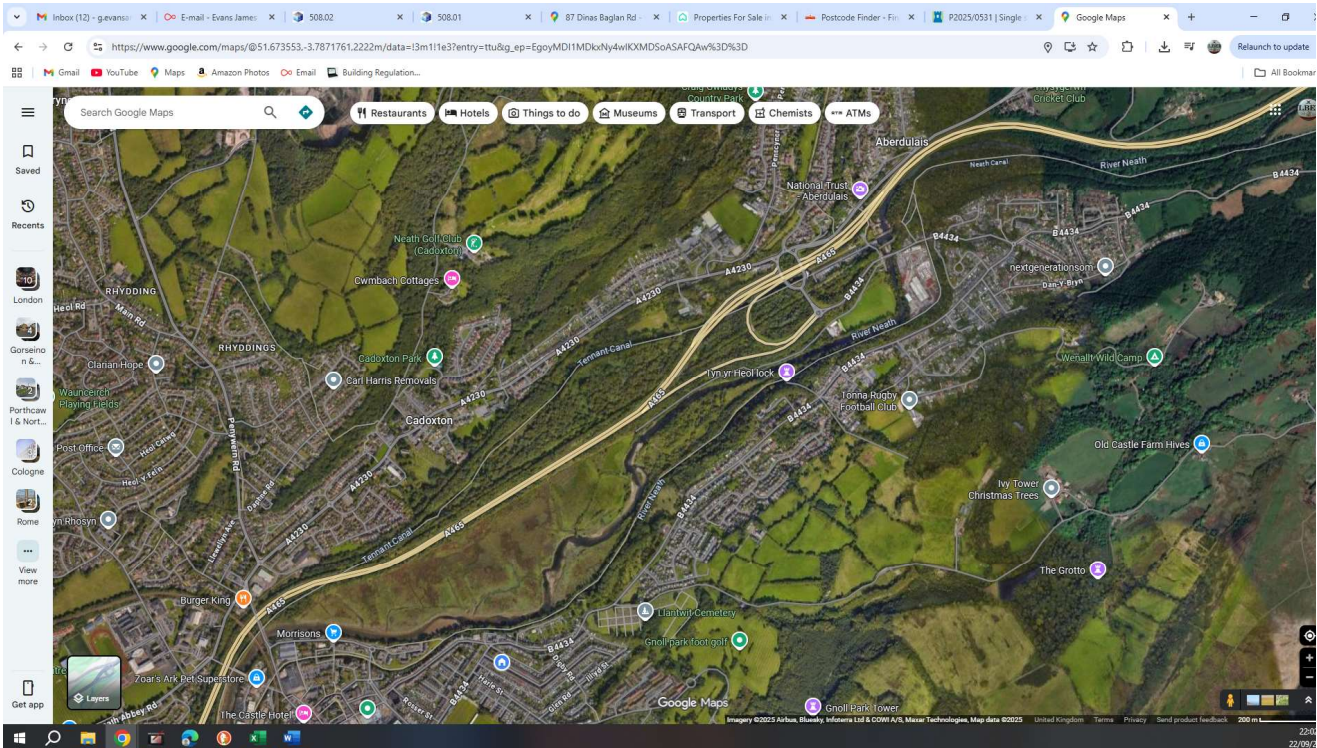
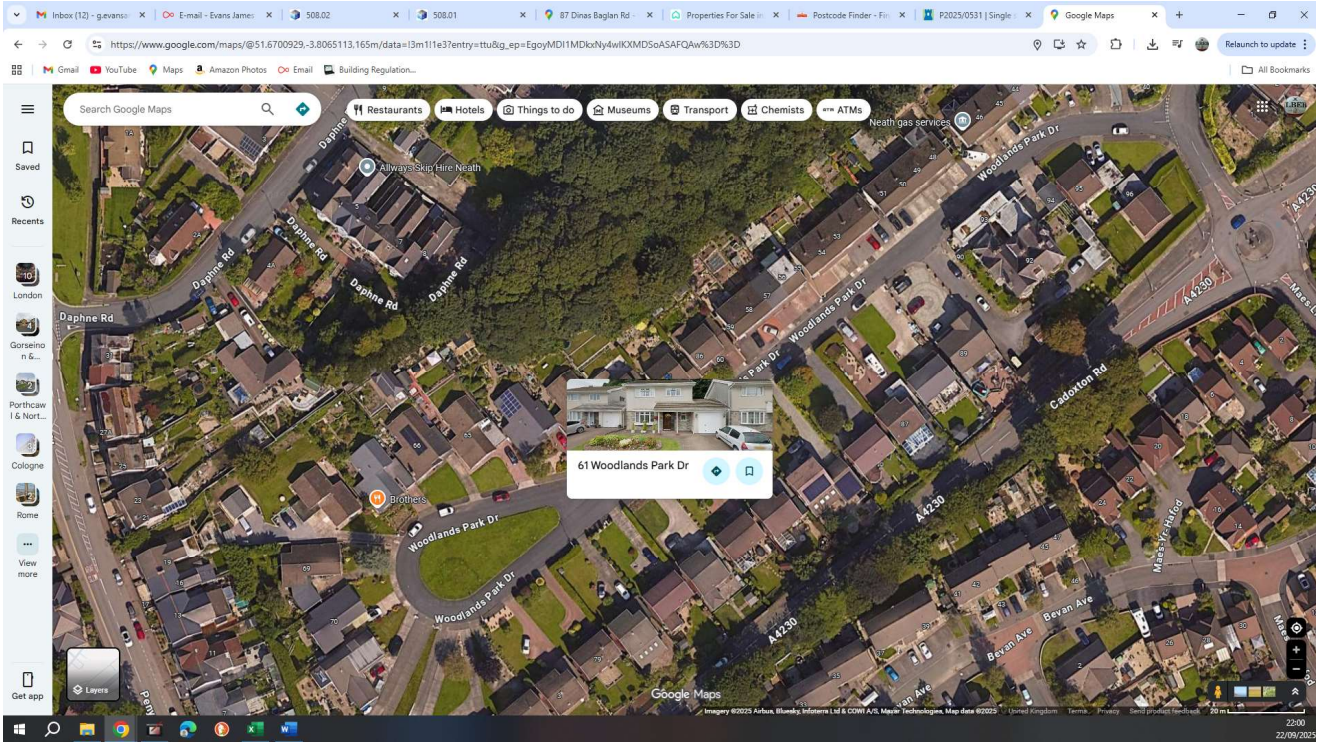


View of rear garden area with plentiful hedges, trees and shrubbery. None of this area will be removed or affected



Front elevation view showing paved driveway and small lawn area with mature shrubbery

Surrounding Area description: The application site is in the area of Cadoxton, a small village on the outskirts of Neath town centre. Similar properties surround the site, as can be seen in the first image. The second image shows the vast areas of habitats and green space available in the near surrounding areas.



Development Impacts:

The proposed extension will be sited on an existing hard surfaced area, shown in the photos above, meaning no green space or habitats will be removed as part of the development. No trees or shrubbery will be removed during the construction. Even though there is no effect to the biodiversity of the site it is intended to enhance the site with the following.

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 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

Dated. 20th September 2025