

Green Infrastructure Statement:

Minor Development / Homeowner

Site Address: 6 Ropewalk, Neath, SA11 1EW

Proposed Development: Single storey side/rear extension

Site description: The property is an end of terrace property with a small front area and larger rear area. To the front there is a concrete path which leads to a small front courtyard and the front access door. To the rear area there is a large existing detached outbuilding and decked area. There are brickwork/blockwork boundary walls in place and partial timber fence boundaries. These will all remain in place.



View of existing rear outbuilding with decking area



View of front elevation with concrete path to front entrance door

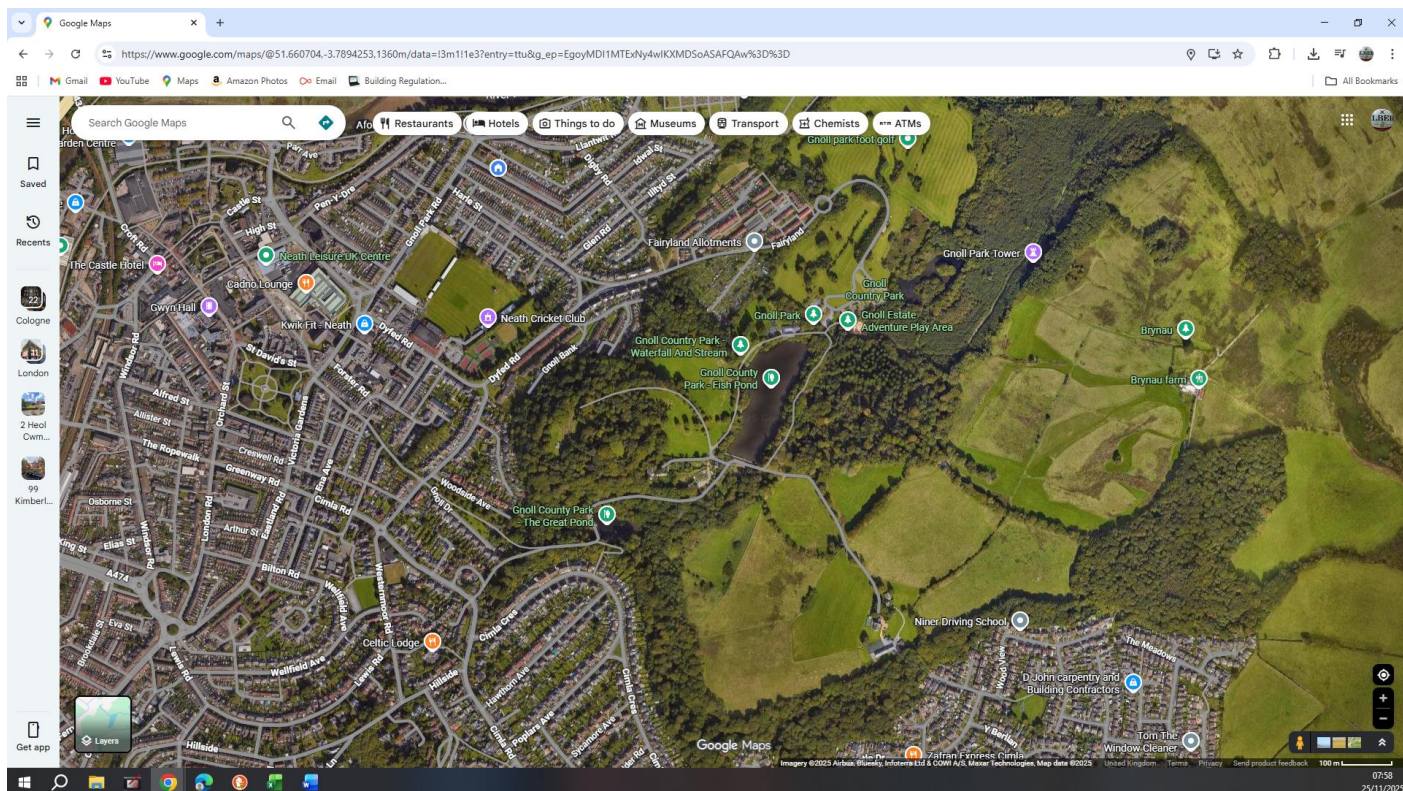
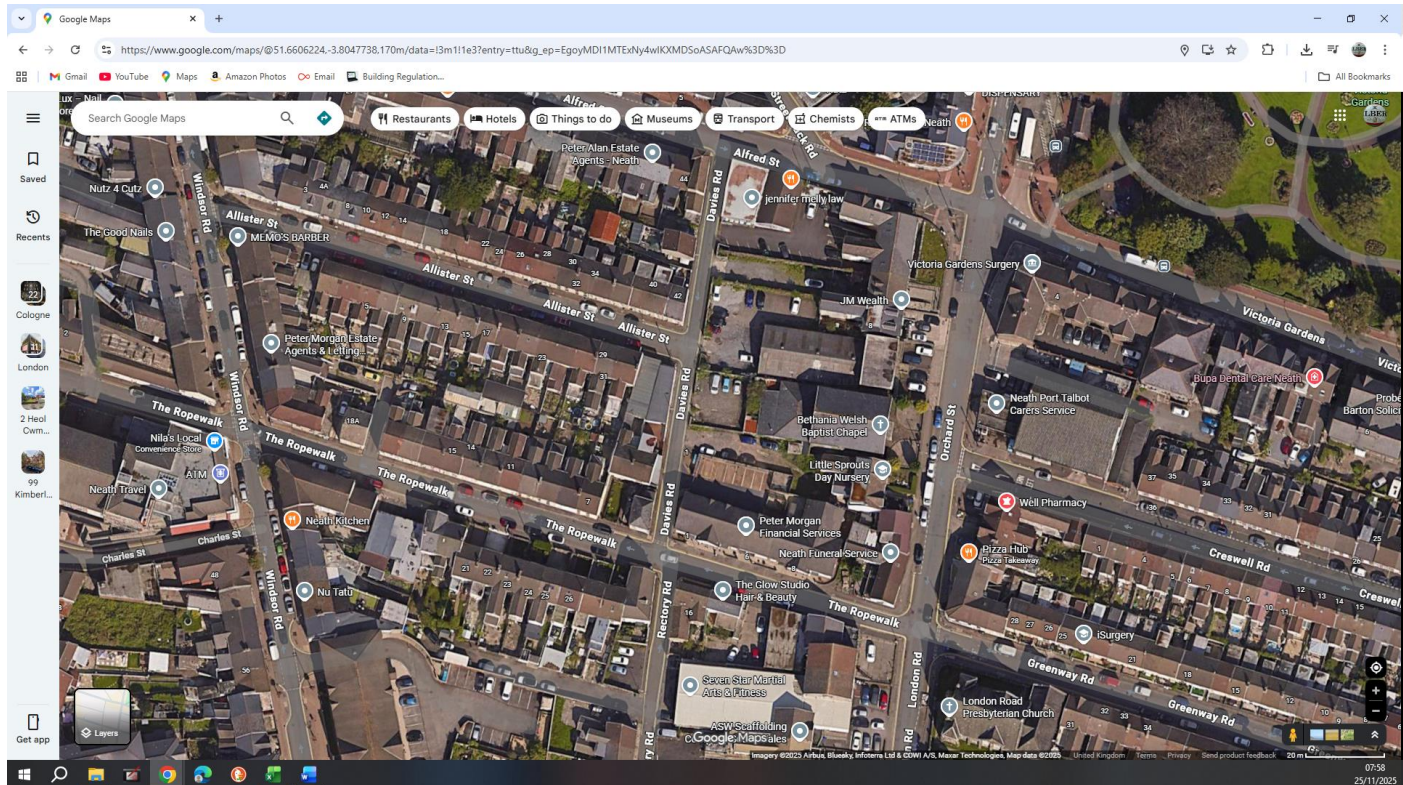


View of rear elevation of existing plot and detached garage



View of area where the extension will be sited over a decked area and where existing small rear porch is currently

Surrounding Area description: The application site is in the centre 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 where there is an existing small rear porch and decked area which means no green areas or habitats will be removed or affected as part of the development. There will be no effect to the biodiversity of the existing site.

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.

Signed JHEvans

Dated. 25th November 2025