

GREEN INFRASTRUCTURE STATEMENT & BIODIVERSITY ENHANCEMENT SCHEME

Green Infrastructure (GI) Statements

A GI Statement is required on all developments as detailed in *Planning Policy Wales, Edition 12* (PPW12). Green Infrastructure includes water features such as ponds. A Green Infrastructure Statement describes how the green infrastructure of a site (trees, hedges, grassland, ponds and SuDs) has been incorporated into the development proposal. A Green Infrastructure Statement is to be proportionate to the scale and nature of the development, and this should not be an onerous requirement for applicants in the case of minor development such as householder applications.

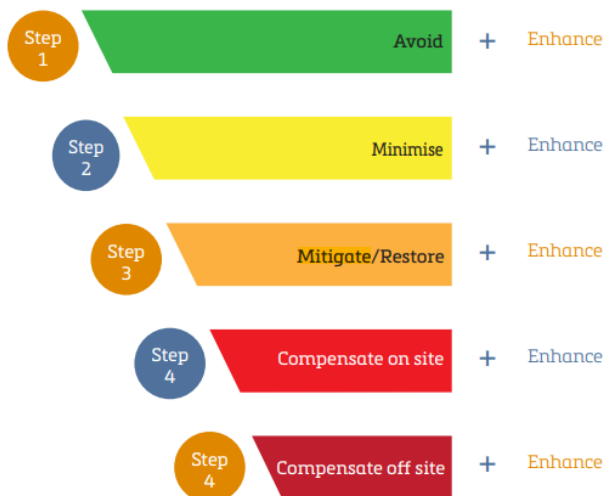
This information is not appropriate to seek through a planning condition on the consent and must instead be provided before the application is determined and considered as part of the planning application process.

Biodiversity Enhancement Scheme

The *Environment (Wales) Act 2016* requires all development to show a **net benefit** to biodiversity and this can be achieved by including biodiversity enhancement measures in your development.

These don't need to be costly or large in scale, and could include bird boxes, insect boxes, bee and invertebrate mounds, and the planting of native shrubs or flowers suitable for bees and other pollinations in the garden. A net benefit can only be achieved after avoiding damage, minimizing (mitigation) impacts and replacement (compensation). The enhancements do not need to be directly attached to the proposed new construction; they can be attached to the host dwelling or placed within the garden, but they should be on land within the red line.

The Green Infrastructure Statement must show that Green Infrastructure and biodiversity will be protected and enhanced by following these steps in order:



Form completed by	Christopher Lewis
Date	24.11.2025
Address of site	20 Ffordd Derwen, Coed Hirwaun
Grid reference	
Description of Proposal	Proposed Single Storey extension to side and rear of existing dwelling
Planning reference (if you have one)	P2025/0727

1. Green Infrastructure (GI) assessment

	All existing GI on site	Has this GI already been removed?	Will this GI need to be removed?
Front Garden	Grass with 1 small shrub	No	No
Rear Garden	Grass	No	Small section to northern section to be removed to facilitate extension.
Other			

2. How are the retained features being protected during development (BS5837:2012)?

Front Garden:	Area to be cordoned off to minimise damage. Any damage to be repaired
Rear Garden:	Area to be cordoned off to minimise damage. Any damage to be repaired
Other:	

3. Describe what has been done to avoid any impacts as far as possible

The extension has been positioned in the least desirable section of the side / rear garden where planting is less likely to take hold

4. Describe what will be done to mitigate (minimise) any impacts

Any damage to grassed areas will be restored upon completion of construction work

5. Describe what will be done to compensate for (replace) any losses

The small area of grass is to be replaced by a Bird box located on the Northern side of the property.

6. What Landscaping is being implemented to enhance Green Infrastructure?

Existing grass to be restored where damaged. No further planting is proposed.

7. How will the new planting be implemented, managed and/or maintained?

Existing and proposed grass to be implemented managed and maintained in line with supplier recommendations

8. Biodiversity enhancements

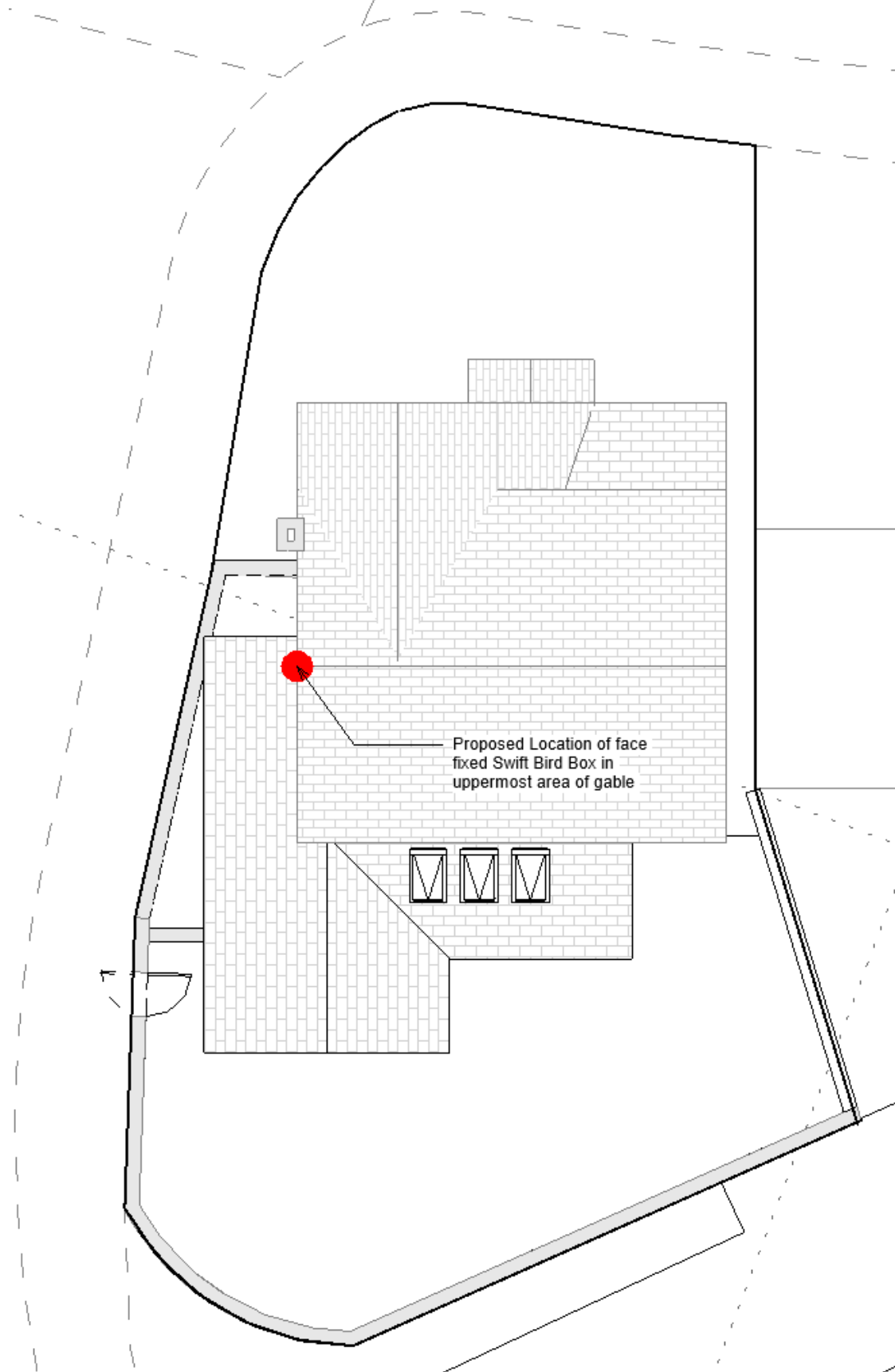
The following biodiversity enhancements have also been added (tick which applies, or include anything else in the “other” section:

Biodiversity enhancement	Yes, we will provide this
Bat box	No
Bird box	Yes
Hedgehog hole in fence for access	No
Hedgehog nest box (<i>must ensure access for hedgehog into garden, either through existing access or new access</i>)	No
Area of wildflower planting (minimum 1m ²)	No
Wildlife pond (<i>must ensure easy exit for wildlife “exit ramp”, and <u>not</u> be stocked with fish</i>)	No
Plant a new native hedgerow, or remove existing low value hedgerow and replace with a native hedgerow	No
Other	

Details of above

Type	Location	Info
Swift Bird Box	In uppermost area of Northern gable of existing two storey dwelling	Face fixed swift box

9. Sketch plan (showing the approximate plan of the features of the development site)



10. Conclusion

*Based on the information provided above, this development will result in a **Green Infrastructure and biodiversity Net Benefit** upon completion.*