

# Green Infrastructure Statement (GIS) for Application PP-14532789

## Site Address:

52 Cimla Crescent, Neath SA11 3NN

## Proposed Development:

Demolition of existing garage and erection of single-storey outbuilding. Resurfacing of driveway and widening access by repositioning brick column and wall.

## Site Description:

Semi-detached (circa 1930) property with front and rear garden areas mostly lawn and some shrubbery. A paved patio occupies the immediate area at the back of the existing house with a concrete drive that extends from the front of the property to an existing garage. Boundary walls comprise of a red brick wall at the front and coniferous hedge at the rear to No54, and a low red brick wall to the front and timber fence and hedge at the rear to No50. The rear boundary comprises a wire fence and hedgerow between the property and woodland. The front garden contains several bushes and a lawn. In terms of the surrounding area, the site is located on a street of similar properties and the localised area outside of existing properties is generally woodland to the rear and housing suburb in front.

## Development Impacts:

The proposed outbuilding will be built on approximately the same footprint as the existing garage and timber decking, so minimal garden will be lost to the rear of the property. One third of the front garden will be lost to the widening of the driveway at the front of the property.

## Biodiversity Enhancements Proposed:

For the vegetative cover lost (front lawn) it is proposed to plant an additional tree in the rear garden as well retaining and strengthening the existing coniferous hedgerow between the property and No54. This would create additional connectivity taking into account the impacts and surrounding woodland. Also, a new row of shrubbery will be planted between the front garden lawn and driveway. Surrounding the proposed outbuilding, two new planters will be built to contain shrubs, bushes and grasses. Bird boxes will be integrated into the design of the timber slatted garden store which will be located at the rear of the proposed outbuilding. The concrete drive will be replaced and extended using a permeable material.

## 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 the planting of wildlife friendly shrubs and plants in the front and back garden, as well as two new planters attached the proposed development. The above would ensure that any adverse environmental effects are compensated as far as reasonably practicable.

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