

Green Infrastructure Statement – Minor Development

Site Address:

135 New Road, Skewen, Neath, Swansea, SA10 6HL

Proposed Development:

Construction of a flat-roofed single-storey rear extension to accommodate a new kitchen, utility room, and WC.

1. Site Description

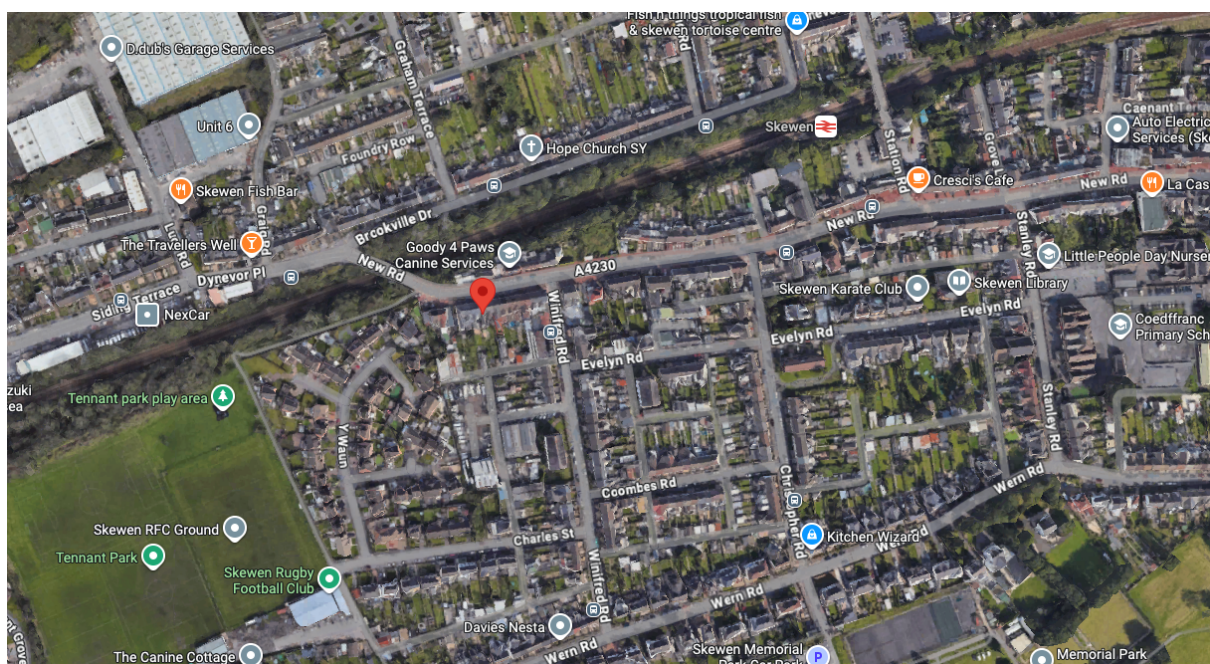
The application property is a mid-terrace dwelling located on New Road, the principal route through the village of Skewen. The house has no front curtilage but benefits from a substantial rear garden.

Parking in the area is regulated via a council-controlled permit scheme. Rear access to the property is available through a lane leading off Winifred Road.

2. Surrounding Area

The immediate locality comprises a mix of residential and commercial premises. Coedffranc Primary School is situated to the east of the site, while Tennant Park lies to the west.

The character of the surrounding area is largely urban, with established residential plots and associated private gardens providing pockets of existing green infrastructure.



3. Proposed Development

The proposal involves the construction of a flat-roofed rear extension positioned within the existing rear curtilage of the dwelling. The design has been developed to minimise impacts on existing landscape features and to retain the overall character of the site.

4. Development Impacts

The proposed extension will be constructed entirely over the existing concrete slab and patio area.

As a result:

- **No existing trees or vegetation will be removed or affected** by the development.
- **No soft landscaping areas will be lost**, and existing green space within the garden will be maintained.
- There will be **no encroachment into any ecological or wildlife-rich areas**.

This ensures the development results in negligible impact on the site's existing green infrastructure.

5. Proposed Biodiversity Enhancements

In line with local and national policy requirements to promote biodiversity net gain, the following enhancement measures are proposed:

5.1 Swift Nesting Boxes

Two **swift nesting boxes** will be installed on the east-facing elevation of the existing two-storey rear extension (as illustrated on the submitted proposed elevations). This will provide additional nesting opportunities for swifts, a species of conservation concern.



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5.2 Additional Planting

The rear garden will be enhanced through the introduction of **new shrub and small-plant species** selected for their ecological benefits, including pollinator-friendly varieties. This will increase habitat value and improve the overall green infrastructure of the site.

6. Conclusion

The proposed rear extension has been carefully designed to ensure minimal impact on the existing site and its surrounding green infrastructure. No vegetation or trees will be disturbed, and meaningful biodiversity enhancements will be introduced through swift boxes and additional planting.

Overall, the development will deliver a **positive contribution to the site's ecological value** while maintaining the character of the property and surrounding area.

Signed : Duwain Garvey
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