

Green Infrastructure Statement:

Minor Development / Homeowner

Site Address: 90 Wern Road, Skewen, Neath, SA10 6DP

Proposed Development: Part Two storey and part single storey rear extensions, single storey side extensions and fenestration alterations

Site description: The property is a semi-detached property with front, side and rear areas. The front area consists of a concrete driveway and a small lawn area with planted borders. The side contains concrete paths leading to the rear garden area. The rear area is made up of a large lawned garden, concrete and slabbed patios, concrete path leading to the rear garage and some mature trees and shrubbery which are all to remain. The boundaries are a mix of brickwork walls and timber fence panels. All the boundaries are to remain unaltered.



View of side boundary to neighbour and existing rear extension which is to be replaced. Brickwork boundary wall can be seen.



Partial view of rear garden area including lawn and mature trees and shrubs.
These are to remain untouched.



View towards rear/side boundary with large lawn and concrete path to existing garage. Mature trees and shrubs will remain.



View of rear elevation showing area where single storey and two storey extension will be sited. No green space or habitats will be removed. The extension will be sited where there is a current extension or onto patio area.



View of rear area towards side boundary. Existing timber fence and brickwork walls can be seen. Gravelled area and slabbed patio can be seen.



Closer view of rear elevation where new extension will be sited



View where two storey extension and single storey side extension will be sited. All currently patio or hard surfaced areas.



Front elevation view showing lawned area and mature shrubbery to border areas.

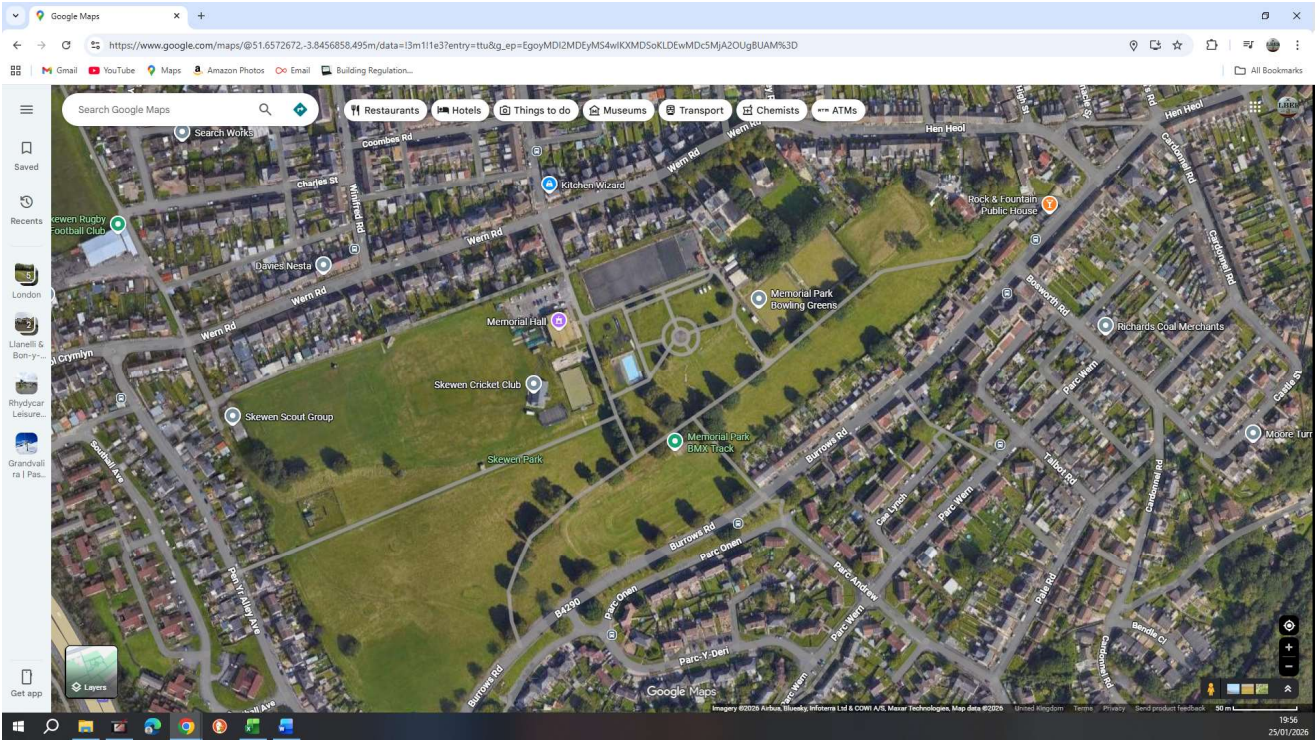
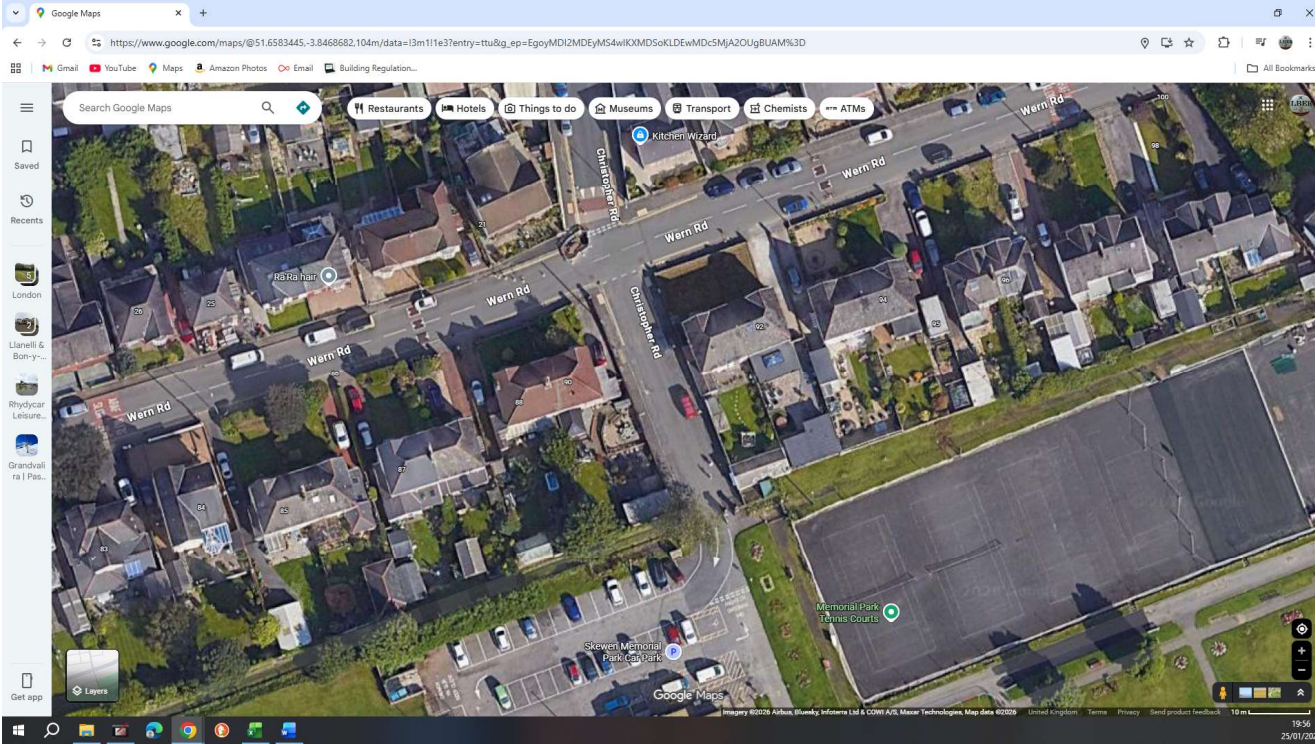


View of rear boundary including existing detached garage, blockwork boundary wall and mature trees which are all to remain. Large lawn in foreground.



View of front elevation including brickwork boundary wall with concrete driveway and lawned area with planted borders.

Surrounding Area description: The application site is in the village of Skewen, 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 where there is an existing ground floor extension and on top of current hard surfaced areas which means no green areas or habitats will be removed or affected as part of the development. All existing lawns on the site will remain in place and all trees and shrubbery will remain. There will be no effect to the biodiversity of the existing site. No boundaries will change.

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 January 2026