

Template for Minor and householder Green Infrastructure Statement

Site Address: 76 Henfaes Road, Tonna, Neath, SA11 3EX

Proposed Development: Removal of the front boundary wall and extension of the drop kerb to create a new vehicle access. The proposal includes the removal of the low wall at the front boundary and the removal of the raised slate/soil area to enable the widened access.

Existing concrete hardstanding currently used for parking and access will be replaced with permeable/porous surfacing.

A new ground-level flower bed will be installed to support wildlife such as bees and other pollinators and to assist with natural drainage.

Site description:

76 Henfaes Road is a residential property with an existing hard-surfaced front area currently used for parking. Approximately half of the area consists of non-permeable concrete surfacing, while the other half consists of a raised slate/soil area adjacent to the front boundary wall. There are no trees or significant vegetation features within the immediate development area.

Surrounding area description:

The property is situated on a residential street with similar dwellings featuring a mixture of hardstanding, front garden spaces and landscaped boundaries. The wider surroundings include typical suburban landscaping, with no woodland or sensitive ecological features directly adjacent to the development site.

Development Impacts:

The proposed development involves removing the low boundary wall and raised slate/soil section to extend the driveway, increasing capacity from one car to two.

This includes removing the boundary wall and slate/soil area to widen access and replacing the existing non-porous concrete with permeable/porous surfacing.

No trees, shrubs or established planting will be removed. No external lighting is proposed, so there are no lighting-related ecological impacts.

All construction impacts are localised and relate solely to the existing hardstanding and boundary areas.

The proposed works will reduce the number of cars parked on the street, improving visibility and contributing to overall highway safety in the immediate area.

Biodiversity Enhancements Proposed:

- A new flower bed will be installed as part of the landscaping, incorporating pollinator-friendly and flowering plants (including lavender and native wildflowers) to provide habitat and foraging opportunities for insects and support local biodiversity. Location showed in proposed plans marked "flower bed" next to path within boundary.

Flowers that will be included:

- o **Lavender:** 4-6 plants, these plants will be height of 10cm-30cm when first planted and once mature height will be 30-60cm and be planted after construction of proposed plan, when new drive material has been laid summer/early autumn. The plants will be maintained regularly with annual cut in later summer as well as light prunes to after flowering to maintain shape and height.
- o **Meadow Wildflower seed mix:** (mixture of annual varieties such as poppy, cornflower, cosmos, creeping daisy & borage) 1-2 boxes of meadow wildflower

seed mix to cover remaining areas between lavender within proposed location of flower bed on plans. These will be seasonal flowers and sowing to commence April-May, Flowers June-September during flower dates reach heights up to 75cm. and no-low heights during sowing or winter months. This will be maintained by one cut per year (Aug-Sept), remove arisings, overseed if gaps appear. Areas will be kept weed free and maintained to prevent overgrowth

- The use of permeable surfacing will improve local drainage, reduce surface water run-off and provide environmental benefits compared with the existing impermeable concrete surfacing.

Conclusion:

The proposed development will maintain and enhance biodiversity through the introduction of new planting and the use of permeable surfacing. The works will not impact existing vegetation and will provide net ecological benefits by increasing planting opportunities and improving surface water infiltration.

All potential environmental effects have been avoided, minimised or mitigated, ensuring compliance with national planning policy for green infrastructure and biodiversity enhancements.

Signed: Jade South

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