

GREEN INFRASTRUCTURE STATEMENT:

Minor development/ Homeowner

Site Address: **47 Lewis Road, Neath.**

Proposed Development: Conversion of semi-detached house to 2 self-contained flats.

Site Description:

Semi-detached 2 storey dwelling house, front side and rear garden areas. The front garden is terraced in hard landscaping materials and bounded by solid walls. Side garden is paved and bounded by solid walls. Raised rear garden is bounded by solid walls, a solid pathway to rear of site with various established bushes and shrubbery with lawned areas. A detached outbuilding housing an external W.C. compartment and stores.

Surrounding area description: The property lies within a residential area together similar frontages and a mix of residential properties further along Lewis Road.

Development Impacts:

The proposed development will remain largely unaltered within the surrounding garden areas; no hedges, shrubbery or established plants will be removed. The poor condition of the grassed areas will be improved with new turfed lawns. New car parking bays will be constructed at the rear of the property with permeable drainage materials used in the surface of the bays. The existing rear boundary wall will be taken down, with existing stone and brick being reused within the bays structure. Vegetable growing areas will be present.

Biodiversity Enhancements Proposed:

Bird boxes will be provided and fixed at eaves level on both the main house gable wall and rear annexe gable wall. All established hedges, shrubbery etc will be maintained throughout the rear garden. The rear garden is established for nesting habitats.

Conclusion:

It is considered that subject to the above, that the proposed development would maintain and enhance biodiversity, build resilient ecological networks and deliver net benefits for biodiversity by maintaining hedges and shrubbery and providing bird boxes. Thus ensuring that any adverse environmental effects are avoided.

Signed:

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