BIODIVERSITY (GREEN INFRASTRUCTURE) STATEMENT
MINOR DEVELOPMENT

DOCUMENT REF: 26-502/302
SITE ADDRESS: Morrisons Convenience Store, 30-32 Station Road, Port Talbot, SA13 1JS
PROPOSED DEVELOPMENT: Change of use from a Bank (Class A2) to Retail Convenience Store (Class A1)

Proposed Development:

The property will be developed into a Morrisons Convenience Store

Site Description:

This is a single storey Ground Floor business premises being refitted as a convenience store, with 2no. flats on the First Floor above the shop which will be developed under a separate Planning application

There is little amenity space on the site as a commercial premises, however there is car parking available in the rear yard.

Surrounding Area Description:

The area has a high density of housing close by, and Station Road is predominantly a business area represented by a wide range of commercial genres from Takeaways, Hair Salons, Banks and Estate Agents etc. There are not many green spaces in the near vicinity, however, towards the back of the railway station and towards the industrial area there are some areas of rough vegetation and a few trees although access is limited, only for cyclists and pedestrians under the roads and railway.

Development Impacts:

There will be very little impact to the environment as the proposed work is internal to the property.

Biodiversity Enhancements Proposed:

The owners are proposing the addition of a multiple Sparrow Nesting Box. This will be positioned on the inside of the North-East facing parapet wall.

This would create additional connectivity, and nesting habitats (taking into account impacts and surrounding features).

Birds

The development will make enhancements for nesting birds in the form of a Sparrow Nest Box (or similar) mounted on the North-East facing parapet wall - See Appendix A for details and Block Plan for the location. It's unlikely to attract predators like cats, as there's no real access onto the rooftops in that area.

Conclusion

It is considered that subject to the above, that the proposed development would enhance biodiversity, help build resilient ecological networks and deliver net benefits for biodiversity on this small project.

Thus ensuring that any adverse environmental effects are minimised at the property.

Implementation Timetable

The Biodiversity Enhancement Measures shall be fully implemented within 1 month of receiving Panning Consent.

APPENDIX A:

BIRDS

Sparrow Terrace Nest Box

- Help the declining sparrow population by putting up one of these bird boxes designed especially for house sparrows
- Fixed roof to enable the bird nesting box to be fitted right up in the eaves just where the sparrows prefer.
- These bird nesting boxes are constructed from precision cut FSC certified wooden panels treated with water based environmentally friendly preservative.
- Each terrace can accommodate three pairs of sparrows nesting together.

In the last few decades, the population of house sparrows has declined dramatically. Our sparrow terrace has been designed to provide much-needed nesting places for our endangered House Sparrows. House sparrows nest colonially so up to three pairs may be attracted to, and nest in the bird box.
Whilst the box may appear to be a standard "3 in a row" terrace it can be reconfigured into three separate boxes or into different shapes depending on the shape of the wall on which you wish to fit it (or simply what you prefer). The box is the ideal size and dimensions for house sparrows with a 32mm entrance hole. The box is easy to fit with concealed keyholes at the back of the box (easy to reach with a screwdriver through the entrance holes). Each box has slide out floor with drainage holes to enable easy cleaning at the end of the nesting season.
The box is constructed from precision cut FSC certified external grade plywood and has been treated with an environmentally friendly preservative which is kind to the birds but helps to ensure a long lasting dry comfortable nest box.

Product	Sparrow Terrace Nest Box
Product-Code	A1SPTZZZZ
Material	FSC Certified Exterior Grade Plywood
Construction	Panels stapled together with surface sunk staples. Slide out floor.
Finish	Non-toxic water-based stain and preservative
Dimensions	Overall height: 24cm, Overall width: 39cm, Overall Depth: 17cm
Weight	2.4kg
Fixing	Keyhole at back of each nest unit

Source: https://www.nestbox.co.uk/products/sparrow-terrace-nest-box