

Green Infrastructure Statement:

Gnoll Primary School new Canopy and ramp

Site Address: Wellfield Avenue, Neath, SA11 1AQ

Proposed Development: Conversion of existing classroom to a Community Hub comprising of a classroom area, new external entrance, open sided canopy and access ramp.

Site description: - Gnoll Primary school was originally constructed in 1940 and was used as an annex to Neath Hospital until the 1980's. It was converted to a school in 1991 and has undergone various improvements and adaptations since then.

The proposed development was selected as it integrates the school further into the community.

There is a grassed area in the front of the school adjacent with several mature trees which are not affected.

Surrounding Area description:

The application site is in the school grounds with the surrounding area consisting of residential development.

Development Impacts:

We have deliberately chosen the proposed classroom conversion to be as non-intrusive as possible, the canopy is set to protrude a small amount past the current front of the building so as not to be obtrusive to the surrounding area, the ramp is approximately five metres long and provides a disabled access to the community room, the ramp is located on a currently tarmac forecourt.

Overall, the impact beyond the limited localised issues within the existing area are unobtrusive and do not affect the overall green aspect at the front of the school.

Biodiversity Enhancements Proposed

Bird box to following specification which is considered proportionate to the scale of the development subject of the planning application Design:

Location: To be positioned to the right of the proposed canopy on an existing elevation of the school premises.

Design (or similar):



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

We will also ensure no loss of environment or effect on the area occurs.

Conclusion.

It is considered that subject to the above, that the proposed development would maintain and enhance the environment thus ensuring that are no adverse environmental effects from the proposed development.

Signed *Wayne G Hopkins*

Dated 18th June 2026