

Green Infrastructure Statement:

Minor Development / Homeowner

Site Address:

Neath Sports Centre,
Neath Abbey Road,
Neath
SA10 7BR

Proposed Development:

Creation of 2Nr. Padel Courts with associated floodlighting and canopy

Site description:

The development site is a hardstanding area to the south of the existing 3G pitch which is occasionally used for overflow parking. The area has with perimeter fencing, 5 storage containers to the perimeter and an athletics pavilion.

Surrounding Area description:

To the west is the main car park for Neath Sports Centre, the sports centre itself and a large sports hall. To the north is an existing full sized 3G pitch. To the east is a full sized athletics track. To the southeast and southwest is a car park for the comprehensive school to the west and open grass pitches.



Development Impacts:

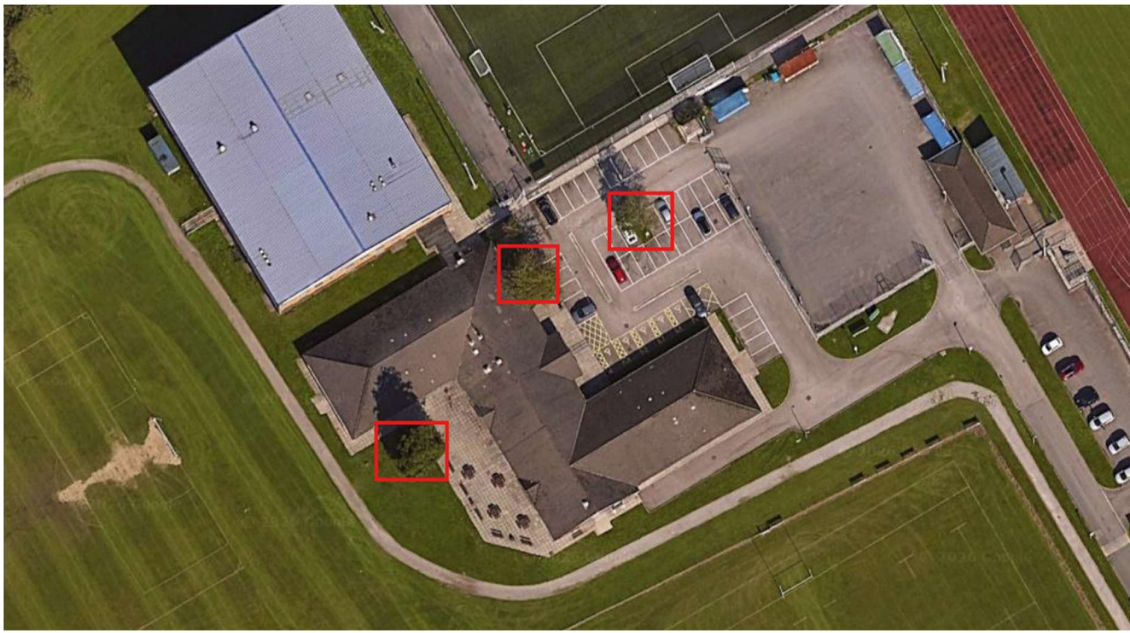
The development is completely on a brownfield site. The area is an existing tarmac surface and therefore there will be no loss of vegetation or habitat for the development creation.

External lighting is proposed for the padel courts, however the existing area has car park lighting to the site as well as the being immediately adjacent a full-sized football 3G pitch and full-sized athletics track with associated lighting with limited ecological features surrounding the development site and therefore the impact of the lighting to ecological features will be negligible.

Biodiversity Enhancements Proposed

To ensure a betterment for biodiversity 3Nr. bird boxes are proposed to be installed within the trees on site and have been identified below.

Bat boxes have not been proposed due to the existing and proposed lighting on site and an assumption that bats would likely be more averse to the site.

**Conclusion.**

It is considered that subject to the above, that the proposed development would not negatively impact any ecological features within the surrounding area. with the proposed bird boxes to assist in the ecological networks around the site.

Thus ensuring that any adverse environmental effects are avoided and compensated for.

Signed: *John Bennett*

Dated: 29/06/2026