

Green Infrastructure Statement:

Minor Development / Homeowner

Site Address: Fernleigh, School Road, Jersey Marine, Neath, SA10 6JE

Proposed Development: Balcony Replacement

Site description: Detached house bounded at each side by high hedges, bounded at rear by mature woodland and at front by private road overlooking playing field. Grass lawn, patio area and double garage to front and terraced lawn areas to the rear. The development is to replace an existing balcony (wood and now rotten) with a matching steel equivalent that is situated upon an area of hard patio to the front of the property. The balcony does not directly overlook the privacy of neighbouring properties as it is surrounded by mature trees and hedges.

Surrounding Area description: Located in the village of Jersey Marine and situated off a private road access that consists of 6 detached properties that do not overlook each other. To the front is the school playing field which separates the property from the rear of properties on New Road by some distance. To the rear is an area of steep mature woodland. The property is located in an area of significant biodiversity, attracting birds, small mammals, pollinating insects and a variety of plant species.

Development Impacts:

Proposed balcony replacement is to be constructed on existing hard surfaced patio area resulting in no additional environmental impact. No existing lawn or plants to be removed and existing hedge boundaries will remain unaffected. Water run-off will use existing storm water drain and no addition to existing external lighting.

Biodiversity Enhancements Proposed

The proposal will include the addition of a bird/bat box located on the LHS of the house adjacent to the balcony. In addition, the balcony will provide space for situating potted plants and hanging baskets to encourage pollinating insect use during spring and summer.

Conclusion.

It is considered that subject to the above, that the proposed development would offer no additional environmental impact beyond what has already been in existence for over 10 years since the addition of an extension to the property in 2016 that included the existing balcony. It will maintain and slightly enhance the existing biodiversity (with the addition of a bird/bat box). This will ensure that any adverse environmental effects are avoided.

Signed

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Dated.

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