

Green Infrastructure Statement:

Minor Development / Homeowner

Site Address: 9 Crymlyn Gardens, Skewen, Neath SA10 6EU

Proposed Development: Garage conversion and amended vehicular parking area

Site description: The property is a detached property with front, side and rear areas. The front consists of a large lawned garden and tarmac driveway. The side consists of a concrete paved path leading towards the rear garden. The large rear garden area includes a small, raised patio and large lawned garden. There are timber fence panelled boundaries to all boundaries, these will remain untouched. There are some mature trees to the side and rear boundaries in the neighbouring gardens, these will remain unaffected.



View of rear garden area with large lawn and timber fence boundaries.



View of side path leading to rear garden area



View of rear elevation including large lawned garden and small raised patio area

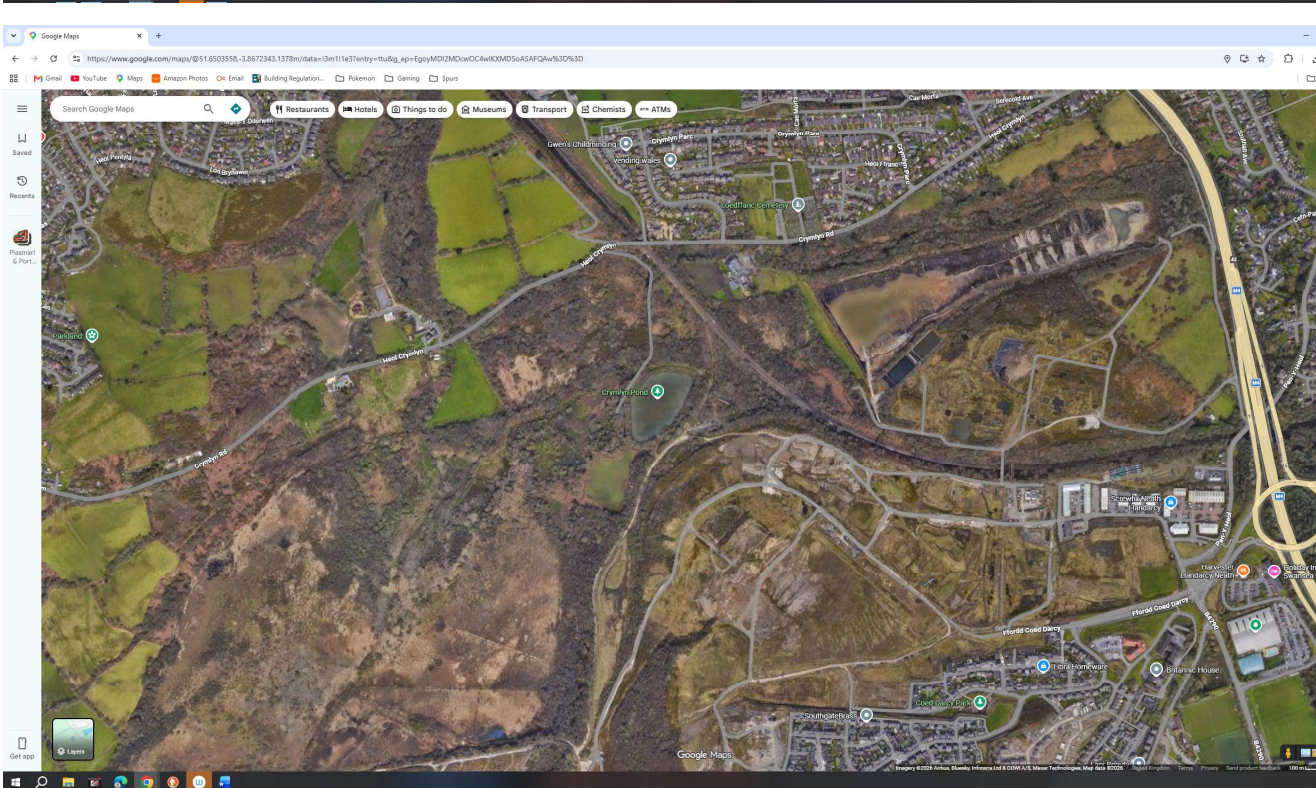
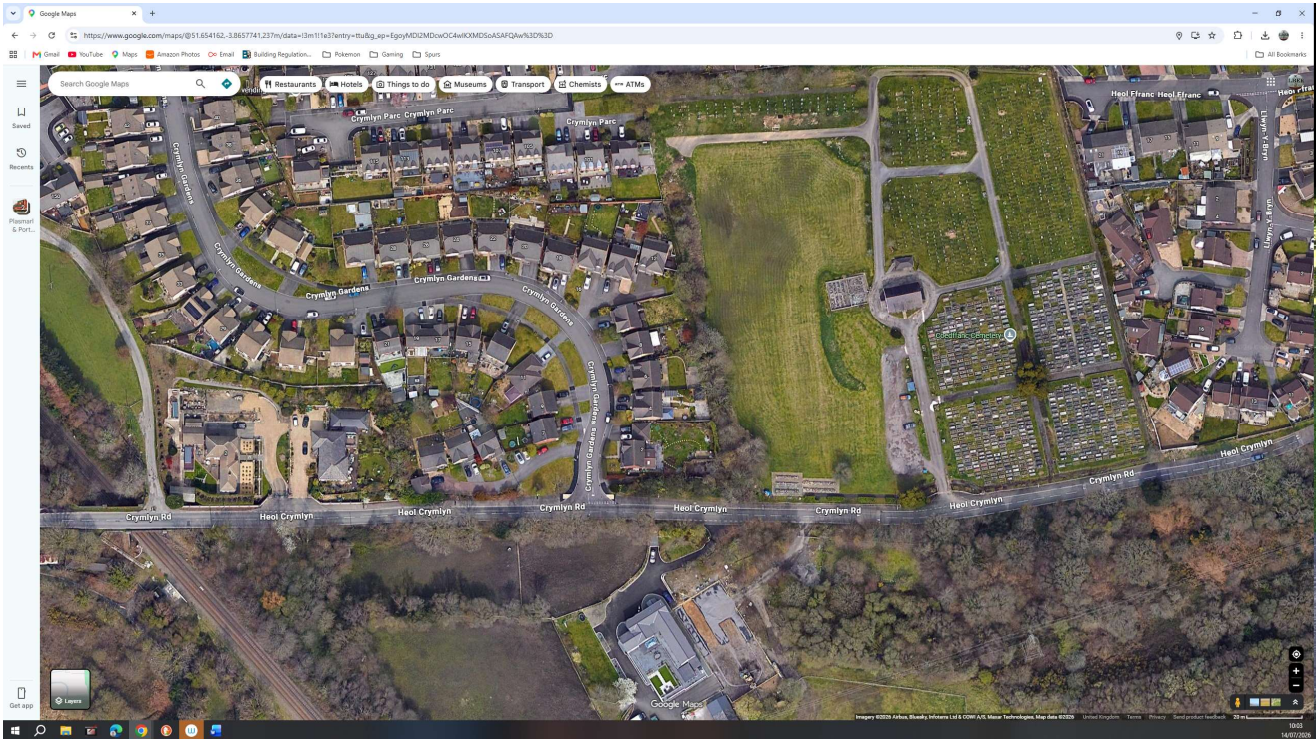


View of front elevation showing existing garage area which is to be converted and tarmac driveway



A Further view of large rear garden area with lawn and timber fencing to boundary

Surrounding Area description: The application site is in the Village of Skewen on the outskirts of Neath town centre. Similar properties surround the site, as can be seen in the first image. The second image shows the vast areas of habitats and green space available in the near surrounding areas.



Development Impacts:

The proposed works include a garage conversion into habitable area and extension of existing parking area to accommodate the replacement parking required. The garage conversion will itself have no biodiversity impact nor remove any green space from the site. Due to the parking requirements a small area of front lawn, around 5m², will be replaced with tarmac. All boundaries will remain the same and none of the neighbouring trees will be affected. Even though very little biodiversity is being affected and only a small area of green space removed, it is still proposed to install the following:

Biodiversity Enhancements Proposed

It is proposed to provide the following:

Provide RSPB approved classic nest box or other nest box for House Sparrow:
Wooden with 3 Sub-divisions to support 3 nesting pairs. To be placed
Under the eaves of buildings.
Entrance holes: 32mm diameter
Dimensions: H310 x W370 x D185mm

This would create additional connectivity, and nesting habitats which were not part of the property at present.

Conclusion.

It is considered that subject to the above, that the proposed development would enhance biodiversity, build resilient ecological networks, and deliver net benefits for biodiversity by creating habitats which were not present at the property before the client decided on the development.

Signed JHEvans

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