

# Green Infrastructure Statement:

## Minor Development / Homeowner

**Site Address:** 83A Neath Road Rhos Pontardawe Neath Port Talbot SA8 3EH

**Proposed Development:** Change of use from hairdresser (Use Class A1) to a beauty clinic (Unique Use), with associated external alterations comprising the addition of render to the front elevation.

**Site description:** Single-story commercial building. The property is situated immediately adjacent to a public highway. A narrow, gated access path sits to the side of the building, currently consisting of a mix of concrete, bare ground, and low-level vegetation growth.

**Surrounding Area description:** The site is situated within a residential street characterised by predominantly traditional, residential properties.

The application site is linked to the adjacent residential dwelling (83 Neath Road) and features a mix of stone and render finishes. Site is enclosed in red line on aerial image below.



**Development Impacts:**

The proposed application is a change of use which does not include the alteration of any gaps, trees, canopy cover, loss of vegetation/grassed areas, permeable surfaces or works within roof.

The proposal will include redecoration internally, applying render to the front, rear and side elevations and signage.

No external lighting is proposed.

**Biodiversity Enhancements Proposed**

To maximise ecological value on this constrained site, the project proposes installing a durable, bird nesting box on the sheltered north-western side elevation. This targeted enhancement interfaces directly with the adjacent natural hedgerow corridor, creating valuable new nesting opportunities while supporting local avian populations and wider edge-of-settlement biodiversity.

It is felt that due to the nature of the application the scale of the development, no further ecological alterations are proposed.

**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 introducing further habitats for local bird-life.

Signed:

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