

GREEN INFRASTRUCTURE STATEMENT

Minor Development / Homeowner

Site address	16 Golwg Y Mynydd, Neath, SA10 7RJ
Proposed development	Change of use of the existing garage to a habitable room (study).

Site Description

The application site is a detached residential property located at 16 Golwg Y Mynydd, Neath, SA10 7RJ.

The property has a front garden comprising a grassed lawn and flowers planted in pots. There is also an established hedged area to the left-hand side of the property, which will remain unchanged as part of the proposed development.

The rear garden includes a grassed lawn, raised sleeper beds containing shrubs, trees and flowers, and two existing trees. Bird boxes are also present within the garden. No changes are proposed to the rear garden, trees, hedges, grassed areas, planting, shrubs or existing bird boxes as part of this application.

Surrounding Area Description

The application site is located within an established residential area comprising similar detached and other residential properties. The surrounding area includes neighbouring gardens, boundary planting, grassed areas and established residential landscaping. Woodland and a lane are located in close proximity to the left-hand side of the property.

Development Impacts

The proposed development relates solely to the change of use of the existing garage into a habitable room for use as a study. There are no proposed changes to the front or rear elevations of the house and no changes are proposed to the external garden areas.

The proposal will not result in the loss of any existing trees, hedges, shrubs, flowers, grassed areas or other garden planting. The established hedged area to the left-hand side of the property will remain unaffected. The rear garden, including the raised sleeper beds, shrubs, flowers, grassed lawn, two trees and existing bird boxes, will also remain unchanged.

There will be no loss of canopy cover, removal of vegetation or creation of gaps in existing boundary hedges or planting. The proposal will therefore not adversely affect green connectivity within or around the site.

As the development is limited to the change of use of the existing garage, its overall impact on green infrastructure is considered to be neutral. Existing biodiversity features, including trees, hedges, planting and bird boxes, will be retained.

Biodiversity Enhancement

As an additional biodiversity enhancement, one new bird box will be installed on the right-hand side of the house, positioned above the existing bush. The bird box will be securely fixed in a suitable elevated location and retained thereafter to provide an additional nesting opportunity for local bird species.

The existing garden planting and biodiversity features will continue to be retained and maintained. As no trees are proposed to be removed, replacement tree planting is not required as part of this application.

Applicant / Agent Details

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