

Green Infrastructure Statement

Old Llwyn Onn Farm
Cefn Road
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Erection of an agricultural storage building and all associated works

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1. Statement

This Green Infrastructure Statement supports an application for the erection of an agricultural storage building on land at Old Llwyn Onn Farm, Wrexham.

The proposed building is to be located on agricultural greenfield land which is heavily farmed and grazed so therefore is of very low ecological value and offers little potential and will not result in the removal of any trees or hedgerows. There is an existing woodland to the south of the site which will be retained. The site is adjacent to the established farmstead surrounded by buildings to the west. It will be built as an extension of the existing buildings and be of similar size and design which further decreases the possibility of the site having functioning ecosystems.

It is proposed that one bat box and one bird box will be erected on the south and west side of the building. An area of native wildflower seeding will be planted between the proposal site and the existing woodland, and a new native hedgerow will also be planted to the north of the site. These enhancements will not only result in an overall biodiversity net gain but also provide connectivity for potential habitats off-site.

The client has taken a step wise approach to GIS as they have ensured the proposed will have no detrimental effect on the existing green infrastructure on site. Connectivity between potential habitats on adjacent sites will not be negatively impacted by the proposed building and there is no reason this will change.

The site is not within any statutory designated sites and should therefore be an acceptable location for the proposal. Off-site compensation will be provided in the form of a new hedgerow planted and an area of native wildflower seeding to the south of the site. The client will ensure the management of the bat and bird boxes along with the new planting by following the biodiversity enhancement plan and the preliminary ecology appraisal with any maintenance that may be required in the future to keep them in a usable condition.

It is clear the proposal does not have any adverse effect on biodiversity or ecosystem resilience and will only enhance potential species and habitats, therefore it should be considered acceptable.

The below satellite image shows the proposed site with the woodland to the south of it that will not be affected or removed.



The proposed biodiversity enhancement plan with new planting and boxes:

