
Green Infrastructure Statement

**Stryt Yr Hwch Farm
Sontley
Wrexham
LL13 0YA**

Change of use of agricultural building to
commercial use class B1/B8 and all
associated works

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1. Statement

This Green Infrastructure Statement supports an application for the change of use of an existing agricultural building into class B1/B8 commercial use at Stryt Yr Hwch Farm, Sontley.

The building is located within the existing farmyard which is used to house livestock so therefore is of very low ecological value and offers little potential for habitats and will not result in the removal of any trees or hedgerows. There is an existing hedgerows and trees surrounding the farm which will all be retained. The site is within the established farmstead surrounded by buildings to the north, east and west. They will be little alteration to the building with it remaining the same size and design as it is currently which further decreases the possibility of it disturbing any potential biodiversity.

It is proposed that areas around the proposed parking spaces will be planted up with a range of native trees and shrubs. Also, a range of wildlife boxes will be installed upon completion of works at the site, including: two Woodcrete sparrow terraces, two Woodcrete bat boxes, and one invertebrate box/brick. This 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 buildings 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 is not required for the site as there will be no biodiversity affected. The client will ensure the management of the native planting along with the bat, bird and invertebrate boxes by following the preliminary ecological appraisal and undertaking 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.

An aerial photograph of the Marchwood Industrial Estate. A blue location pin is placed on a large, multi-story industrial building with a grey roof. The estate is situated along Marchwood Hall Road, which is visible on the right side of the image. Other features include a large pond on the left, various smaller industrial buildings, and extensive green fields surrounding the estate.

NATIVE TREE PLANTING
New trees are proposed to be planted within the development area. The trees will be staggered and will be Hardy Specimens. Refer to Tree Pit detail on this sheet. The newly planted trees will be protected by post and rail system until rooting.
New native trees will be a mixture of the following:
Beech (*Fagus sylvatica*)
Hazel (*Corylus avellana*)
Oak (*Quercus robur*)
Alder (*Alnus glutinosa*)
Maple (*Acer campestre*)
New trees are to be planted in line with the following:
BS 4368:1985 Code of Practice for general landscaping operations (excluding hard surfaces).
BS 6848:2014 Trees from nursery to independence in the landscape. Recommendations.
All planting will be carried out in the first planting season following first occupation of the development. Any trees or plants which die, are removed or become diseased or seriously damaged within the first five years will be replaced in the next planting season with others of similar size and species.

NATIVE SHRUB PLANTING
2 plants per linear metre, staggered row:
Barberry vulgaris
Cornus mas
Cornus alba
Cytisus scoparius
Neris oleacea
Viburnum opulus
Viburnum corymbosum
Lavandula angustifolia
Mahonia aquifolium
Viburnum davidii
New shrubs are to be planted in line with the following:
BS 4368:1985 Code of Practice for general landscaping operations (excluding hard surfaces).
All planting will be carried out in the first planting season following first occupation of the development. Any shrubs which die, are removed or become diseased or seriously damaged within the first five years will be replaced in the next planting season with others of similar size and species.

STYT-Y-HWCH FARM

Install 2no Woodcrete sparrow perches, 2no Woodcrete cat boxes & 1no river/leisure bat or brick.

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Tree Pit Detail 1/20

Tree will be protected by new post & rail fencing
Tree secured to timber cross bar using tension tie to allow for continued growth
Ground level
75mm back mesh
300mm backfilled topsoil
Timber tree stake 60mm dia x 1500mm long, 400mm above ground, keep clear of tree roots
600mm subsoil
Root ball
Base of tree pit to be undisturbed
Width of tree pit to be root ball plus 600mm

No.	Description	Quantity	Notes
1	Beech	10	
2	Hazel	10	
3	Oak	10	
4	Alder	10	
5	Maple	10	
6	Barberry	10	
7	Cornus	10	
8	Cytisus	10	
9	Neris	10	
10	Viburnum	10	
11	Lavandula	10	
12	Mahonia	10	
13	Viburnum	10	

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