

Green Infrastructure Statement and Net Biodiversity benefit

As part of the proposed development for a new cafe, in line with Planning Policy Wales 12, paragraph 6.4.5, significant measures have been incorporated to ensure a net biodiversity benefit (NBB). This is achieved through the installation of bird and bat boxes on the premises, specifically designed to enhance the local ecosystem and contribute positively to biodiversity.

Proposed Biodiversity Enhancements:

1. Bird Nesting Boxes: We will install high-quality bird nesting boxes made from sustainable wood and stone materials. These boxes will provide safe and suitable nesting sites for a variety of bird species, including those that are declining due to habitat loss.
2. Bat Boxes: Additionally, bat boxes will be placed strategically around the site to support local bat populations. Bats are critical for insect control and pollination, and providing them with secure roosting sites will help support their conservation.

In conclusion, the proposed development, through the incorporation of bird and bat boxes, will deliver a significant net biodiversity benefit. These measures demonstrate a commitment to enhancing local wildlife habitats, thus ensuring that the development is not only sustainable but also contributes positively to the ecological network of the area. This approach aligns with the strategic goals outlined in PPW 12, paragraph 6.4.5, and substantiates that the development will be more beneficial to biodiversity than leaving the territory undeveloped.

The site currently has no green spaces or trees within its curtilage. The only existing green infrastructure comprises flowers in pots located around the site.

Proposed Enhancements:

1. Additional Planting: To enhance the green infrastructure, we propose the addition of more potted plants. This will increase the green coverage and improve the aesthetic and environmental quality of the site.
2. Installation of Bird and Bat Boxes: As detailed in our Net Biodiversity Benefit (NBB) statement, bird and bat boxes will be installed to support local wildlife and contribute to biodiversity.

Impact on Existing Green Infrastructure:

There are no existing grass areas or trees on the site that will be affected by the proposed development. The enhancement measures, including additional potted plants, are designed to complement and improve the current state without any negative impact on existing green infrastructure.

Mitigation Measures:

Since the site does not contain any trees or grass areas, there is no adverse impact to mitigate. Instead, the proposed enhancements will create a positive impact by

introducing more greenery and supporting local biodiversity through the installation of bird and bat boxes.

Conclusion:

The proposed cafe development will significantly improve the green infrastructure of the site by adding more potted plants. These enhancements, combined with the installation of bird and bat boxes, will not only improve the visual appeal of the area but also contribute positively to the local environment and biodiversity. There will be no negative impact on any existing green infrastructure, as the current site does not contain grass areas or trees.