Net Biodiversity Benefit (NBB) and Green Infrastructure Statement

Dolydd Road, Wrexham

In relation to para 6.4.5 of Planning Policy Wales, the provision of net biodiversity benefit (NBB) must be considered.

In conjunction with the Green Infrastructure Statement attached below to this note it is clear to see that, at present, there are some opportunities for NBB given that the application site has a grassed garden areas. The existing curtilage is laid to grass with hawthorn hedging.

Due to the location of the property and its usage, and in relation to NBB, the applicants propose to install 3 Vivara Pro Woodstone Swift Nest boxes on the building. In addition, it may be possible to provide for a Swallow box in the open areas to the sides or front.

The proposed change of use will utilise an existing building with no demolition or extensions proposed. This will not exacerbate any detriment to local wildlife and will see an increase in NBB.

The grassland habitat is not being removed therefore, there will still be an element of wildlife continuing to utilise the site. Some wildflower planting along the fence line can also be undertaken.

Green Infrastructure Statement

At present the site is, apart from the building, laid to grass and shrubs. There is a hedged boundary to the front and a smaller hedge to the rear. There is an open element to the application site. Adjacent to the site there is open fields in addition to residential development.

It is proposed not to remove any grassland or features from the site.

It is proposed to add some additional features as outlined above and the retained grassland area will remain and function as normal. The features proposed are considered to add variety to the local wildlife.