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# THE TURF HOTEL

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**Green Infrastructure Statement**

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**1. Site Context**

The application site comprises The Turf public house, located on Mold Road adjacent to the STōK Cae Ras (formerly Racecourse Ground) in Wrexham.

The site is within a predominantly urban environment characterised by built development, hardstanding, pedestrian circulation areas and associated stadium infrastructure.

The Turf is a historic public house with strong links to Wrexham AFC and is situated within an established townscape setting.




The existing level of green infrastructure within the immediate site boundary is limited due to the constrained urban nature of the site and its longstanding use as a public house and hospitality venue.

**2. Green Infrastructure Assessment**

The site currently contains:

- Limited areas of soft landscaping.
- Predominantly hard surfaced areas used for access, circulation and customer accommodation.
- Existing opportunities for enhancement through planting, sustainable drainage measures and biodiversity improvements.
- Connectivity to wider urban green infrastructure networks through nearby street trees, landscaped areas associated with the stadium environs and green corridors within Wrexham.

The proposal seeks to retain existing green features where practicable and deliver enhancements proportionate to the scale and nature of the development.

**3. Green Infrastructure Principles**

The development has been designed in accordance with the principles of green infrastructure by:

- Protecting existing vegetation where present.
- Incorporating additional planting opportunities where feasible.
- Enhancing biodiversity through the provision of pollinator-friendly species.
- Improving environmental quality and visual amenity.
- Supporting climate resilience through increased vegetation cover and sustainable water management.
- Encouraging urban greening within a highly developed town-centre setting.

## 4. Proposed Green Infrastructure Enhancements

The following measures are proposed:

### Landscaping

- Introduction of native and ornamental planting beds where space permits.
- Use of shrubs, herbaceous planting and seasonal flowering species to provide year-round visual interest.
- Incorporation of pollinator-friendly plants beneficial to bees, butterflies and other invertebrates.

### Biodiversity Measures

- Use of native species to support local ecological networks.
- Minimisation of disturbance to wildlife during construction.

### Sustainable Drainage

- Where feasible, use of permeable surfacing materials for replacement hardstanding areas, using resin bound floor finishes.
- Management of surface water runoff through sustainable drainage principles.
- Reduction of pressure on existing drainage infrastructure.

### Urban Greening

- Provision of container planting, raised planters or green screening where ground-level planting opportunities are constrained.
- Enhancement of the site's appearance within the wider gateway approach to Wrexham and the stadium area.

Planters to perimeter of structure shown in green

Area of external flooring to be finishing in resin bound surface to allow surface water to permeate



**5. Well-being and Community Benefits**

The proposed green infrastructure measures will:

- Improve the visual quality of the site.
- Enhance the setting of a well-known local landmark.
- Contribute to biodiversity objectives.
- Support climate adaptation and urban cooling.
- Improve the experience of visitors, customers and the local community.
- Align with the well-being objectives promoted through planning policy in Wales.

**6. Conclusion**

The proposed development at The Turf will retain existing green infrastructure assets where present and introduce proportionate enhancements appropriate to its constrained urban location.

Through landscaping, biodiversity measures and sustainable drainage principles, the scheme will provide a net improvement in environmental quality and contribute positively to Wrexham's wider green infrastructure network.

The proposals are therefore considered consistent with the objectives of national and local planning policy relating to green infrastructure, biodiversity enhancement and sustainable development