Net Biodiversity Benefit (NBB)

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 very limited opportunities for NBB given that the premises, of which the applicant controls, is part of a commercial building with parking and access areas to the side, rear and front.

There are trees bounding the site and it is proposed to utilise these trees for locations of 2no bat boxes. The locations of the bat boxes are to be decided following the installation of the panels.

The applicants also propose to install two Vivara Pro Woodstone Swift Nest boxes on the building itself. The locations of the boxes are to be decided following the installation of the panels.
The site is close to areas of greenery and open space and it is contended that the provision of the bat/bird boxes will provide a significant contribution to NBB for the property.

Green Infrastructure Statement
In accordance with Planning Policy Wales (Chapter 6), all applications are now required to provide a statement in relation to Green Infrastructure (paragraph 6.2.12).

As stated above the application site is located in an relatively sparsely populated area adjacent to a river.

The property is two storey in height with a former quarried area to the rear. The surrounds to the rear are a shelved quarry/rock face with parking areas and access roads to the front.
There is a main traffic route is immediately in front of the building.

There are areas of greenspace/trees, in close proximity of the application site with areas of opportunity to provide biodiversity net gain given the characteristics of the area. Additional planting of plants is proposed along the frontage of the site. Tree planting would need to be some distance from the buildings and rear area to ensure that the solar panels are able to operate appropriately.

The NBB proposals outlined above in this statement and are seen as an opportunity to provide enhancement to the site given the uses of the site and the restricted areas the applicants controls.