GREEN INFRASTRUCTURE STATEMENT

& NET BENEFIT FOR BIODIVERSITY

Full planning application for the change of use of The Trotting Mare Inn Free house to holiday accommodation and all associated works

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Introduction

1.1 This supporting Green Infrastructure Statement and Net Benefit for Biodiversity has been prepared and submitted by Halls on behalf of Mr Millington for the change of use of The Trotting Mare Inn to holiday accommodation and all associated works.

1.2 The Environment (Wales) Act 2016, provides a context for the delivery of multi-functional green infrastructure. Its protection and provision can make a significant contribution to the sustainable management of natural resources, and in particular to protecting, maintaining and enhancing biodiversity and the resilience of ecosystems in terms of the diversity within and connections between ecosystems and the extent and condition of these ecosystems, so that they are better able to resist, recover from and adapt to pressures. This means that the development of green infrastructure is an important way for local authorities to deliver their Section 6 duty.

1.3 This proportionate Green Infrastructure Statement (GIS) has been prepared with full regard to the guidance as set out in Chapter 6 of *Planning Policy Wales* (Edition 12) and in particular, the 'Stepwise Approach' detailed in Paragraph 6.4.21 and Figure 12, which is reproduced below.

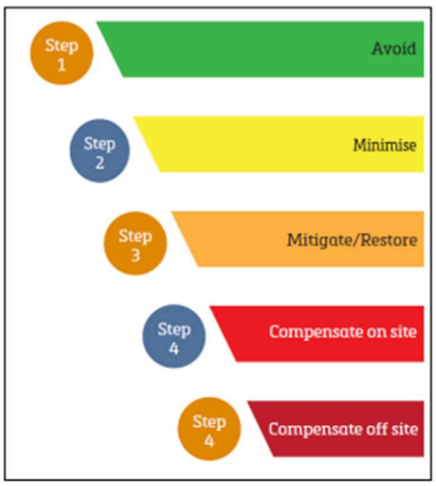


Figure 1

1.4 The client has taken a step wise approach to GIS and has ensured the proposal 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 building and there is no reason this will change.

1.5 The proposed 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 or minimal biodiversity affected.

1.6 The client will ensure the management of the proposed bird boxes with any maintenance that may be required in the future.

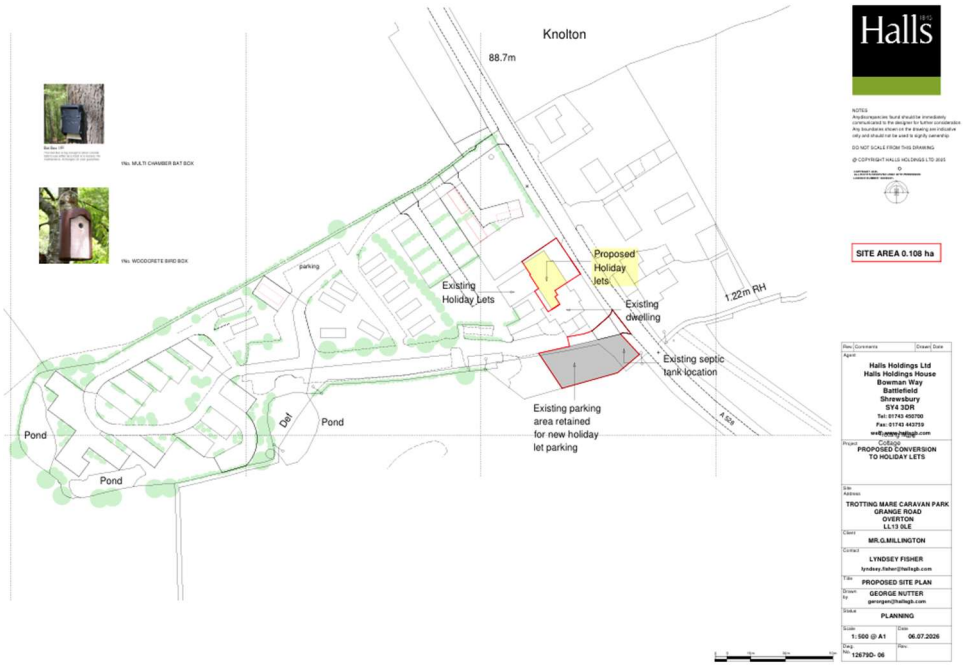
1.7 Existing Site Green Infrastructure Assets and Biodiversity

The Trotting Mare Caravan Park is an existing and established caravan park located on the Welsh English border. The site already benefits from existing green infrastructure and biodiversity in the form on extensive planting and ponds.
All of the existing vegetation that is situated on the site will be retained and managed to preserve its ecological value.

1.8 Proposed Site Green Infrastructure Assets and Net Benefit

When all locational, siting and design options for avoiding damage to biodiversity have been exhausted, applicants, in discussion with planning authorities must seek to minimise the initial impact on biodiversity and ecosystems.

The application proposes to retain all existing green infrastructure assets, the proposal includes the provision for x1 bird box and x1 bat box.
All of the above will maintain and increase the biodiversity level of the site. The location of the boxes and planting are illustrated on the proposed site plan and ensure a net benefit for biodiversity.



1.9 <u>Green Infrastructure Assessment of Proposed Development</u>

The application proposal has avoided the loss of any green infrastructure assets currently present on site. The application proposal will increase the current level of green infrastructure on site ensuring there is a net benefit for biodiversity.