

Green Infrastructure Statement

For

**Proposed two-storey rear extension
at 21 The Grove**

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INTRODUCTION

The design for the proposed two storey rear extension at 21 The Grove, has used a rounded approach, incorporating ecological enhancements.

The design was informed by the updated National Planning Policy for Chapter 6 of Planning Policy Wales.

The proposal and landscape philosophy follow the approach set out in paragraph 6.4.21

‘The supporting reasoning for the designation at all levels and an outline of the qualifying features of the designation should be clearly recorded as part of the Green Infrastructure Assessment and considered in formulating development plans, when designing new development proposals and in development management decisions’

EXISTING GREEN INFRASTRUCTURE

Aberfan, in Merthyr Tydfil, lies within the Taff Valley and is characterised by a landscape shaped by former coal-mining activity and subsequent land restoration. Much of the surrounding land consists of reclaimed spoil areas, grassland, woodland regeneration, and riparian habitats associated with the River Taff.

These habitats support a range of biodiversity typical of South Wales valley environments, including birds, small mammals, invertebrates, and pollinators. Woodland and scrub provide nesting and foraging opportunities, while grassland and re-vegetated spoil areas contribute to habitat diversity and ecological connectivity.

Ongoing natural regeneration and management across the wider Merthyr Tydfil area continue to enhance the ecological value of Aberfan as part of the regional green and blue infrastructure network.

21 The Grove is a mid-terrace residential property. The rear garden comprises a combination of paved patio areas, sparse ruderal vegetation (weeds), and an external garage, which does not form part of the proposed development. There are no existing green infrastructure assets within the curtilage of the site.

PROPOSED GREEN INFRASTRUCTURE

- To aid in ecological enhancement a new nestbox will be installed on the proposed extension.

SUMMARY

The site benefits from no green infrastructure assets. The proposal of a new nestbox to the proposed development will provide a positive ecological enhancement scheme.