

**GREEN INFRASTRUCTURE STATEMENT &
BIODIVERSITY ENHANCEMENT SCHEME FORM**



Q. What is a Green Infrastructure (GI) Statement?

A Green Infrastructure Statement describes how the green infrastructure of a site (trees, hedges, and SuDS etc.) has been incorporated into the development proposal.

Q. Why do I need a Green Infrastructure Statement?

A Green Infrastructure Statement is required on all developments, following Planning Policy Wales - PPW12 and the *Environment (Wales) Act 2016 Section 6 duty*, to show that development has a **net benefit** to biodiversity and green infrastructure. This information is not appropriate to seek 'retrospectively' by way of a condition and must be provided as part of the planning application process.

Q. What detail is required in the Green Infrastructure Statement?

A Green Infrastructure Statement is to be proportionate to the scale and nature of the development. In the case of minor development such as householder applications, PPW12 states that this should not be an onerous requirement for applicants.

Q. What is a Biodiversity Enhancement Scheme?

To comply with Policy 1 of the BBNP Local Development Plan (2013) and Section 6 of the *Environment (Wales) Act 2016*, the Authority requires that proposed developments include details of biodiversity enhancement measures.

These don't need to be costly or large in scale, and could include bird boxes, insect boxes and the planting of native shrubs or flowers suitable for bees and other pollinations in the garden.

Q. How do I provide the information?

To assist in providing the information that this authority requires, the following form can be completed to provide the specific Green Infrastructure details that relate to each step of your proposed development.

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Address of site:	47 PONTYCAPEL ROAD, CEFN COED, MERTHYR TYDFIL CF48 2RD
Grid reference:	303275, 207716
Description of Proposal:	PROPOSED FRONT EXTENSION, ERECTION OF CAR PORT, CHANGE OF USE OF GARAGE TO HABITABLE ROOM AND EXTERNAL ALTERATIONS

1. Details of all existing green infrastructure on site:

Boundary 1:	STONE WALL
Boundary 2:	STONE WALL & TIMBER FENCE
Boundary 3:	STONE WALL & TIMBER FENCE
Boundary 4:	STONE WALL & TIMBER FENCE
Front Garden:	GRASSED
Rear Garden:	N/A
Other:	SIDE GARDEN...GRASSED AND SHINGLE

2. What green infrastructure features (trees, hedges, hedgebanks) have already been removed from site and/or require removal to facilitate the development?

Boundary 1:	NONE
Boundary 2:	NONE
Boundary 3:	NONE
Boundary 4:	NONE
Front Garden:	NONE
Rear Garden:	NONE
Other:	NONE

3. How are the retained features being protected during development (BS5837:2012)?

Boundary 1:	N/A
Boundary 2:	N/A
Boundary 3:	N/A
Boundary 4:	N/A
Front Garden:	N/A
Rear Garden:	N/A
Other:	N/A

4. What Green Infrastructure is being planted as mitigation for losses?

Boundary 1:	NO LOSSES
Boundary 2:	NO LOSSES
Boundary 3:	NO LOSSES
Boundary 4:	NO LOSSES
Front Garden:	NO LOSSES
Rear Garden:	NO LOSSES
Other:	NO LOSSES

5. What Landscaping is being planted to enhance Green Infrastructure?

Boundary 1:	<i>BUG HOTEL</i>
Boundary 2:	<i>NONE</i>
Boundary 3:	<i>HEDGEHOG GATE...OPEN RAILED ACCCESS</i>
Boundary 4:	<i>NONE</i>
Front Garden:	<i>NONE</i>
Rear Garden:	<i>NONE</i>
Other:	<i>SIDE GARDEN...WILD FLOWER</i>

6. How will the new planting be managed or maintained?

- Planting of 3 sq m of wildflower to be undertaken in first planting season following the implementation of the development. To be placed at the extreme eastern north eastern boundary. Wild flowers will be watered as necessary during periods of dry weather. Any failures will be replaced on a like-for-like basis in the next available planting season. Native marginal plants around margins and wildflower meadow.
- Bird box placed at boundary western gable at a min 1.8m from ground level.
- Bat box Schwegler 1ff upon eastern gable at a min 1.8m from ground level.
- Bug hotel placed to the extreme eastern north boundary wall.
- Hedgehogs will have access in the open rail front gates.

7. Biodiversity enhancements

The enhancements do not need to be directly attached to the proposed new construction; they can be attached to the host dwelling or placed within the garden, but they do need to be on land within the red or blue line. The principle is that the enhancements should lead to a 'net benefit' for biodiversity.

The following biodiversity enhancements have also been added:

Type	Location	Info
<i>BUG HOTEL</i>	<i>AT EXTREME EASTERN BOUNDRY WALL</i>	<i>PLAN 02A</i>
<i>BIRD NESTING BOX</i>	<i>AT WESTERN GABLE</i>	<i>PLAN 02A</i>
<i>WILDFLOWER 3 SQ M</i>	<i>AT EXTREME NORTH EASTERN BOUNDRY</i>	<i>PLAN 02A</i>
<i>BAT BOX</i>	<i>AT EASTERN GABLE WALL</i>	<i>PLAN 02A</i>
<i>HEDGEHOG</i>	<i>ACCESS THROUGH OPEN RAIL GATES</i>	<i>[PLAN 02A]</i>

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8. Conclusion

Based on the information provided above, this development will result in a **Green Infrastructure and Biodiversity Net Benefits** upon completion.

9. Sketch plan (Insert plan showing the features of the development site):

REFER TO PLAN 02A

10. Site photos (as required)



Bat box Schwegler 1ff



Bug Hotel



Bird box