

DELEGATED REPORT

Application No: P/25/0137

Site Address: 16 William Street
Twynnyroddyn
Merthyr Tydfil
CF47 0RG

Development: Proposed new flat roof to single rear extension.

Case Officer: Kate Glover

Site Visit: 21st May 2025

Application Expiry Date: 11th July 2025

Consultation reply date expired: 11th June 2025

APPLICATION SITE

The application relates to No.16 William Street which is a terrace property located in a residential location. It is noted that the ground level rises steeply at the rear of the application site and is the same for the neighbouring properties, and this change in ground level has resulted in small flat areas/yards directly to the rear of the properties and then steps up to raised rear gardens. The application property has the benefit of a single storey rear extension which occupies some of the level area at the rear and the application property's neighbours have also been extended to the rear by means of single storey and two storey extensions.

The application site lies within the settlement boundary as designated within the Merthyr Tydfil Replacement Local Development Plan (LDP) 2016-2031.

PROPOSED DEVELOPMENT

This application seeks planning permission to demolish the existing extension and construct a new single storey, flat roof extension.

The new extension would measure approximately 4.76m deep, 3.02m wide, 2.46m high, and a window would be provided in the side elevation (south).

Proposed materials are EPDM or tile roof, rendered elevations and a UPVc window frame.

PLANNING HISTORY

The Council's records do not indicate any other recent or relevant planning history for this site.

CONSULTATION

No consultation exercise was considered necessary in this instance.

PUBLICITY

In accordance with the Town & Country Planning (Development Management Procedure) (Wales) Order 2012, letters were sent to adjoining properties.

No letters of objection were received following this publicity exercise.

POLICY CONTEXT

National Development Framework

Future Wales: the National Plan 2040 (February 2021) (Future Wales) sets out a strategy for addressing key national priorities through the planning system, including sustaining and developing a vibrant economy, achieving decarbonisation and climate-resilience, developing strong ecosystems and improving the health and well-being of our communities.

National Planning Policies

Planning Policy Wales (Edition 12, February 2024) (PPW12).

Local Planning Policies

The following policies of the Merthyr Tydfil County Borough Council Replacement Local Development Plan 2016-2031 (LDP) are relevant to the determination of this application:

- SW4 Settlement Boundaries
- SW11 Sustainable Design and Placemaking
- EnW1 Nature Conservation and Ecosystem Resilience

In addition, the application will be determined having regard to the advice contained within the following Supplementary Planning Guidance (SPG) Notes:

- Note 4 - Sustainable Design
- Note 6 - A Design Guide for Householder Development

PLANNING CONSIDERATIONS

The issues to consider under the assessment of this application relate to principle of development, impact on the residential amenities of neighbours, visual impact and ecology.

The site is within the settlement boundary and the extension is located within the residential curtilage of No. 16 William Street, as such the principle of development is acceptable subject to other material planning considerations.

The existing property adjoins boundaries with No.s 17 and 15 William Street, which are the neighbouring properties and most likely to be affected by this proposal. It is noted that the

floor areas of the existing and proposed extensions are comparable and due to the pitched roof of the existing extension, the proposal would be approximately 0.8m lower in height. As such, the proposal would not cause any significant change in relation to the residential amenities of the neighbouring properties in respect of overbearing, overlooking or loss of light.

It should also be noted that neighbouring properties were consulted, and no letters of objection were received.

The scale, character, appearance and proposed materials to be used on the external materials of the extension would not detract from the application property or the wider setting.

In respect of ecology, the Council's planning ecologist has recommended that a Preliminary Roost Assessment (PRA) is carried out. It is noted that the property could be subject of significant alteration without the benefit of planning permission, and this could include a replacement roof. It is considered in this instance that given the location and nature of the proposed works it is not proportionate or necessary to require the applicant carryout ecological work such as a PRA. Given the scale and nature of the development, a condition can be used to secure biodiversity enhancement.

As noted in chapter 6 of Planning Policy Wales (edition 12), applications should be supported by Green Infrastructure Statements (GIS). Likewise, given the nature of development, this would not be deemed a reasonable requirement in this instance. Notwithstanding this, ecological enhancements would be requested and controlled by condition, which would provide additional habitats in the local area, and therefore contribute to the wider green infrastructure objectives.

It is also considered that an informative should be attached to any permission informing the applicants of their responsibility when undertaking works in relation to European Protected Species and birds.

Conclusion

The duty to improve the economic, social, environmental and cultural well-being of Wales, in accordance with the sustainable development principle, under section 3 of the Well-Being of Future Generations (Wales) Act 2015 ("the WBFG Act") has been taken into consideration when determining this application. In reaching the following recommendation, the ways of working set out at section 5 of the WBFG Act have been considered and thus the proposal is in accordance with the sustainable development principle through its contribution towards one or more of the Welsh Ministers well-being objectives set out as required by section 8 of the WBFG Act.

Having regard to the policy context above, the proposal is acceptable, and the following recommendation is made:

RECOMMENDATION: BE APPROVED subject to the following **CONDITIONS:**

1. The development shall begin not later than five years from the date of this decision.

Reason - To comply with Section 91 of the Town and Country Planning Act 1990.

2. The development shall be carried out in accordance with the following approved plan:

Drawing Number: William St 01A, Received on 01 July 2025.

Reason -To ensure compliance with the approved plans and clearly define the scope of the permission.

3. **BEFORE WORKS COMMENCE ON SITE** a scheme for biodiversity enhancement, including a timescale for implementation, shall be submitted to and agreed in writing by the local planning authority. Development shall be carried out in accordance with the approved details and retained in perpetuity thereafter.

Reason - Future Wales and Planning Policy Wales (Edition 12, February 2024) requires all development to maintain and enhance biodiversity and to accord with Policy EnW1 of the Merthyr Tydfil County Borough Council Replacement Local Development Plan.

INFORMATIVES

1. This planning permission does not provide consent to undertake works that require a European Protected Species (EPS) licence. All bats and their roosts are protected under UK and European legislation. It is an offence to deliberately kill, injure, capture or disturb a bat or to recklessly damage or destroy their breeding sites or resting places.

If works are planned on a building/tree in which bats are found to be roosting, Natural Resources Wales (NRW) must be contacted. on 0300 065 3000 or at <https://naturalresources.wales/permits-and-permissions/species-licensing/apply-for-a-protected-species-licence/bat-licences/?lang=en>.

If work has already commenced and bats are found, or if any evidence that bats are using the site as a roost is found, work should cease and NRW should be contacted immediately.

Under these circumstances, an EPS licence is likely to be required to undertake the works within the law.

2. All birds, their nests and eggs are protected by law under the Wildlife and Countryside Act 1981 (as amended) while they are breeding.

If works to any trees, hedgerows and/or other nesting bird habitat (including buildings with suitable features) are to be undertaken, they will take place outside of the bird nesting season. If the works must be undertaken during the nesting season (generally from 1st March until 31st August, although birds are known to nest outside of these dates in suitable conditions), a breeding bird survey will be required and must be carried out by a suitably qualified ecologist. Any active nests identified will be protected until the young have fledged.

Where a Schedule 1 species (as defined in the Wildlife and Countryside Act - <https://www.legislation.gov.uk/ukpga/1981/69/schedule/1> is involved, compensation for impacts, e.g., loss of nesting sites, will be devised and implemented.

RECOMMENDATION ENDORSED



Director of Neighbourhood Services

DATE: 04.07.2025