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Project Title Greenacres, Heolgerrig

Job no. 1059.

Client Mrs. Connolly

Address **Greenacres, Brondeg, Heolgerrig , Merthyr Tydfil
CF48 1TP**

Green Infrastructure Statement



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

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

Q. Why do I need a Green Infrastructure Statement?

A GI Statement is required on all developments following 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, and 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 Section 6 of the *Environment (Wales) Act 2016*, this Authority requires that proposed developments also include details of biodiversity enhancement measures as well as Green Infrastructure enhancements.

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 pollinators 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.

Form completed by:	Nathaniel Raynes
Date:	18.09.2024
Address of site:	Greenacres, Brondeg Heolgerrig Merthyr Tydfil CF48 1TP
Grid reference:	SO 03578 06101
Description of Proposal:	Outline Planning for 3 no. Housing Plots

1. Details of all existing green infrastructure (trees, hedges and hedgebanks) on site:

The surrounding boundaries of the site are lined with existing trees and hedgerows, with boundary fences for the neighboring properties along Brondeg.

2. What green infrastructure features have already been removed from site and/or require removal to facilitate the development?

No green features have been removed at present.

3. What green infrastructure is being planted as mitigation for losses?

New Hedgerows and fences will be proposed as boundary treatments between the proposed plots, specified by an ecologist at a later date.

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

Proposed Landscaping will be specified by an ecologist.

5. How will the new planting be managed and/or maintained?

The new planting will be maintained by the residents of the plots.

6. Biodiversity enhancement

These 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 these enhancements will lead to a 'net benefit' for biodiversity.

It is proposed to fit bat and bird boxes (See revised drawings) to the proposed plots and/or the trees surrounding if adequate.



RSPB Burford Bat Box or similar



RSPB Apex Classic Nest Box or similar

7. Conclusion

It is considered that subject to the above, the proposed development would maintain and enhance biodiversity and deliver net benefits for biodiversity by ensuring that any adverse environmental effects are avoided. Therefore, it is respectfully requested that both Officers and Members of the County Council look favorably on this proposal and grant planning permission.

8. Site photos (as required)