

GREEN INFRASTRUCTURE STATEMENT & BIODIVERSITY ENHANCEMENT SCHEME

Guidance note on Green Infrastructure to assist in providing site-specific information using the stepwise approach.

Green Infrastructure (GI) Statements

A GI Statement is required on all developments as detailed in *Planning Policy Wales, Edition 12* (PPW12). Green Infrastructure includes water features such as ponds. A Green Infrastructure Statement describes how the green infrastructure of a site (trees, hedges, grassland, ponds and SuDs) has been incorporated into the development proposal. A Green Infrastructure Statement is to be proportionate to the scale and nature of the development, and this should not be an onerous requirement for applicants in the case of minor development such as householder applications.

This information is not appropriate to seek through a planning condition on the consent and must instead be provided before the application is determined and considered as part of the planning application process.

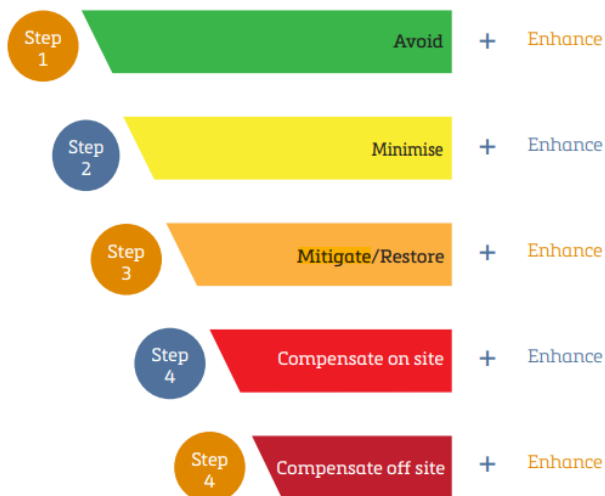
Biodiversity Enhancement Scheme

The *Environment (Wales) Act 2016* requires all development to show a **net benefit** to biodiversity and this can be achieved by including biodiversity enhancement measures in your development. These don't need to be costly or large in scale, and could include bird boxes, insect boxes, bee and invertebrate mounds, and the planting of native shrubs or flowers suitable for bees and other pollinations in the garden. A net benefit can only be achieved after avoiding damage, minimizing (mitigation) impacts and replacement (compensation). 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 should be on land within the red line.

How do I provide the information?

To assist in providing the information required, the associated form can be completed to provide the specific Green Infrastructure and biodiversity enhancement details that are required for your proposed development.

The Green Infrastructure Statement must show that Green Infrastructure and biodiversity will be protected and enhanced by following these steps in order:



Form completed by	David Hand BSc(Hons) Barch RIBA
Date	24.04.2026 (Rev B)
Address of site	63 Brecon Rise, Pant, Merthyr Tydfil, CF48 2EE
Grid reference	
Description of Proposal	Construction of new 2-bed bungalow on side garden of No.63 Brecon Rise with associated off-road parking space and hard landscaping
Planning reference (if you have one)	P/25/0523 (PP-14327364)

1. Green Infrastructure (GI) assessment

	All existing GI on site	Has this GI already been removed?	Will this GI need to be removed?
Boundary 1	Painted brick wall	No	In part
Boundary 2	Concrete Block wall	No	No
Boundary 3	Concrete Block wall	No	In part
Boundary 4	Concrete Block wall	No	No
Front Garden	Lawn	No	No
Rear Garden	Patio & lawn	No	In part
Other			

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

Boundary 1:	Partial demolition in area of new bungalow facade
Boundary 2:	No works taking place in immediate area
Boundary 3:	No need to protect apart from to prevent damage
Boundary 4:	Partial demolition to facilitate new vehicle access
Front Garden:	Nothing to protect
Rear Garden:	Rear garden laid to lawn with no planting – nothing to protect
Other:	

3. Describe what has been done to avoid any impacts as far as possible

Development has no impact on green infrastructure

4. Describe what will be done to mitigate (minimise) any impacts

Development has no impact on green infrastructure

5. Describe what will be done to compensate for (replace) any losses

Development has no impact on green infrastructure

6. What Landscaping is being implemented to enhance Green Infrastructure?

Introduction of new Sparrow Terrace box on r/h/side (East facing) gable wall of proposed bungalow

Implementation of new shrub and tree planting within rear garden following development to client's choice of planting and 2sq.m of wild-flower planting – “Bee & Butterfly Wildflower Seed Mix “BSBP 100%” (see attached data sheet)

7. How will the new planting be implemented, managed and/or maintained?

Grass seed planting mix will be sown into an existing area of lawn.

GRASS SEEDING

- Seeding to be undertaken between April-October (in accordance with Emorsgate recommendations);
- Seed in calm weather with seed evenly distributed in 2 directions;
- Sowing rates as recommended by Emorsgate;
- Roll seed to ensure contact with the soil (“crinkle or Cambridge” or as appropriate);
- First and subsequent cuts in accordance with Emorsgate recommendations).

PLANTING

- New tree planting is proposed (refer to drawing PL10 rev A) as described in the Design Statement comprising Rowan, Silver Birch and Hazel trees
- Opportunity for new shrub planting in the new front garden area following the demolition of the existing side extension to No.63 along with 2sq.m of wild-flower planting.

MAINTENANCE

The proposed trees indicated on the submission drawing will be planted and maintained in accordance with the guidelines set out within the Local Authorities “Establishment and Long-term Management Plan for small UK native trees” document.

8. Biodiversity enhancements

The following biodiversity enhancements have also been added (tick which applies, or include anything else in the “other” section:

Biodiversity enhancement	Yes, we will provide this
Bat box	N
Bird box	Y
Hedgehog hole in fence for access	N
Hedgehog nest box (<i>must ensure access for hedgehog into garden, either through existing access or new access</i>)	N
Area of wildflower planting (minimum 1m ²)	2.0
Wildlife pond (<i>must ensure easy exit for wildlife “exit ramp”, and <u>not</u> be stocked with fish</i>)	N
Plant a new native hedgerow, or remove existing low value hedgerow and replace with a native hedgerow	N
Other	

Details of above

Type	Location	Info
Sparrow Box	East Elevation gable	Schwegler Sparrow Terrace Bird Box

9. Conclusion

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

10. Sketch plan (showing the approximate plan of the features of the development site)

Refer to Architects drawing – 140 PL02 rev F , 140 PL10 rev B and Design Statement.

Please note that the tree locations have been amended to reflect the agreed re-routing of underground drainage as required by Welsh Water.

11. Site photos





Q. What other advice is there to help me?

The following links relate to Green Infrastructure matters and Biodiversity Enhancements that can assist in providing details:

- [Planning Policy Wales 12 \(PPW 12\)](#)
- [Environment \(Wales\) Act 2016](#)
- [Technical Advice Note 5 \(TAN 5\) – Nature Conservation and Planning](#)
- [Wildlife trusts – Pond advice](#)