

GREEN INFRASTRUCTURE STATEMENT

Site Address

Plot 4, Oakland Business Park, Bogey Road, Merthyr Tydfil CF48 4AP.

Proposed Development

Change of Use of Open Storage Area to Self Storage Containers.

Site Description

The site is part of an area which received Planning Permission in 2011, P/11/0246 Erection of 6 Industrial Units with Associated Landscaping Scheme and Access. The land referred to has now been subdivided into three plots and compacted areas of tarmac and hardcore/soil areas across the near level plateau.

Surrounding Area

Unit 1 is a long standing industrial unit which is in the ownership of the Applicants. Plots 1, 2 and 3 are in separate ownerships. The surrounding area is farm land and grassland with trees and some overgrowth. The right of way leads to Bogey Road.

Development Impacts

The proposal will have little impact on the surrounding areas being part of the Oakland Business Park. The standard of workmanship to the proposed infrastructure being of a high quality which has vastly changed the formerly unmaintained areas with the removal of many abandoned vehicles and commercial motors etc.

Biodiversity Enhancements Proposed

The proposal include the provision of 3 No Bird Boxes to the southern elevations of the Green Steel Shipping Containers. Vivaro Pro Woodstone House Sparrow Nest Boxes Double Chamber 210 mm high x 290 mm wide x 160 mm deep, wight 7.5 kg.

Conclusion

As the development is surrounded by open areas and farm land with nearest housing 270 m away, natural flora and fauna are predominantly found. However, as opportunity for biodiversity enhancement is limited, the Ministerial Statement announcing the adoption of Green Infrastructure Statements confirms, no detailed statement is warranted or required though this scheme does adopt the principles espoused by the Minister's Statement with the provision of 3 No bird boxes to the southern elevations of the Containers, as the height is only 2.550 m it was considered too low for bat boxes, to mitigate the proposals in providing a service, together with creating employment.

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