

Biodiversity enhancement statement in respect of a change of use of a Barbers shop to residential at 45 Perrott Street, Treharris CF46 5ET

This green infrastructure statement has been prepared in accordance with the recently updated Chapter 6 of Planning Policy Wales [PPW12]

‘A green infrastructure statement should be submitted with all planning applications. This will be proportionate to the scale and nature of the development proposed and will describe how green infrastructure has been incorporated into the proposal. In the case of minor development, this will be a short description and should not be an onerous requirement for applicants.’ [Para 6.4.21]

It is considered that the development in question falls into the category.

As such this statement will outline the measures the proposals will take to ensure it is compliant and appropriate.

Site description.

The site is roughly rectangular in shape with a garden area to the rear which in the main is an overgrown lawned area. The premises fronts directly onto Perrott St.

Ecological Enhancement Proposals

Bird box

Surface mounted house sparrow terrace bird box-Schwegler1SP(or sim) to be provided on the east facing elevation under the eaves.

Bat box

It should be noted that there is no evidence of bat activity within the immediate area of the site, however a Schwegler Batcave 2F(or sim) will be provided on the south facing wall of the existing rear elevation 3m above ground level.

Raised planting beds.

Raised planting beds will be provided and sited along the boundary line between 45and 46 Perrott St.. The raised planters will be using a biodiverse and pollen rich mix for native plants and shrubs. European shrubs will provide winter foliage and shelter during colder months

Bug Hotel

A Schwegler bug hotel(or sim') for hymenopterans insects and will be sited on the wooden fence line of the garden area .

Timescales

Where practicable the measures identified will be implemented during and on completion of the proposed works. It is anticipated that works will commence in March , thus avoiding bird nesting times. However careful inspection will be carried out prior to works commencing .

Conclusion

The works to be undertaken are considered fairly minor and the proposals actively maintain and enhance the landscape and biodiversity of the surrounding area.

Bird ,bat boxes and the bug hotel will encourage additional wild life and the proposed raised beds will be planted with native shrubs and plants enhancing the local ecosystems for birds, bees and insects who will use planters as a food source, pollination, protection and home.

It is therefore considered that the proposals are acceptable in terms of its impact on the environment and biodiversity and compliant with Chapter 6 of PPW12