

Green Infrastructure and Biodiversity Enhancement Statement

Land at West Way Road, Newport

April 2026



Summary

Proposal:

New industrial building to house pallet manufacturing and repair facilities together with external materials and pallet storage areas including storage shelter and associated facilities.

Location:

Land Parcel B16 off West Way Road, Newport Docks, Newport

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Project Reference:

26.135

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Introduction & Context

- 1.1 This Biodiversity Enhancement and Green Infrastructure Statement accompanies the full application for the proposed new industrial building to house pallet manufacturing and repair facilities together with external materials and pallet storage areas including storage shelter and associated facilities at Land Parcel B16 off West Way Road, Newport Docks, Newport.
- 1.2 As this planning application relates to a site within the Newport Docks with minimal biodiversity and green infrastructure, it is not considered that there will be any significant adverse impacts on the local biodiversity and ecology context, including priority and nesting species.
- 1.3 The site boundary is outlined in red in the image below.

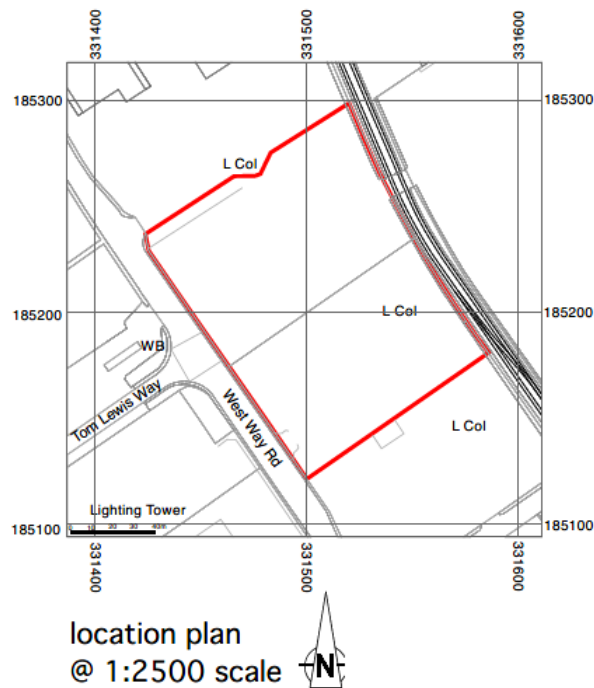


Figure 1: Site boundary.

- 1.4 Following the Welsh Government updates in February 2024 to Planning Policy Wales, Chapter 6 'Distinctive and Natural Places' of the document states that planning applications are now required to demonstrate how they will encourage biodiversity and incorporate Green Infrastructure. Newport City Council identifies biodiversity enhancements as a key priority within its Local Development Plan (Adopted January 2015), and states that developments should focus on "conserving, enhancing and linking green infrastructure, protecting and enhancing the built and natural environment;"

Biodiversity Enhancement

- 2.1 As part of this application, it is proposed to install a Beaumaris Woodstone bat box on the rear (north west) elevation of Unit 2. It is also proposed that a Vivaro Pro Seville 32mm Woodstone Nest Box will be installed on the north eastern elevation of Unit 1. This is considered proportional for the minor nature of the development proposals, and is considered to contribute appropriately to delivering Green Infrastructure enhancement as a direct result of development. This would improve local opportunities for nesting habitats while taking into account the site's industrial context.
- 2.3 The above location is considered suitable as it is mostly sheltered from the wind but also shaded for most of the day. This location also benefits from relatively low light pollution and no artificial light sources are directed towards the building. The bat and nest boxes will be positioned on the building at a height of a minimum of 3m from the ground.

Green Infrastructure

- 3.1 The site is located on West Way Road within the Newport Docks in Newport, placing it within an urban context. Its local Green Infrastructure features are minimal. The wider surroundings are predominantly hardstanding industrial development, offering limited biodiversity value and contributing little to the wider Green Infrastructure network.

Conclusion

- 4.1 This Biodiversity Enhancement and Green Infrastructure Statement accompanies the planning application for the proposed new industrial building to house pallet manufacturing and repair facilities together with external materials and pallet storage areas including storage shelter and associated facilities.
- 4.2 The proposals' biodiversity features have been carefully considered in the context of the surrounding industrial character and are proportionate to the proposed development. To conclude, it is believed that the proposed measures supply habitats for threatened species (i.e., bats) and more generally improve biodiversity across the site for fauna; allowing for incoming species. As such, the proposal aligns with the requirements set out by Planning Policy Wales and Newport City Council's local planning policy.
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