

Green Infrastructure Statement for Land at Castle Farm

Site Address: Land at Castle Farm, Bishton, Newport, NP18 2DZ

Proposed Development: Milk vending machine and associated shed

Site description and Surrounding Context: Castle Farm is located immediately to the north of the settlement of Bishton, is located within the Electoral Ward of Llanwern and is located approximately 185 metres from the edge of the settlement boundary of Bishton village. The farmstead comprises the Farm House, two large animal barns, a further small barn, and a shed which houses a milk vending machine. A large, chicken shed is also located approximately 260m to the north east of the Farm House. Castle Farm comprises a mixture of arable, poultry and dairy farming. The Farmstead is bound to the north and west by open fields, and to the east by a small number of residential properties, notably the Byre, the Windsong Barn, Long Barn and The Old Granary. These were originally agricultural buildings associated with Castle Farm, prior to their conversion to residential in 2004 under full planning reference 20/0402.

Green Infrastructure Strategy: Planning Policy Wales defines Green Infrastructure as the network of natural and semi-natural features, green spaces, rivers and lakes that intersperse and connect places. Component elements of green infrastructure can function at different scales and some components, such as trees and woodland, are often universally present and function at all levels.

Development Impacts: No external alterations, extensions, or structural changes are proposed as part of this development.

Biodiversity Enhancements Proposed: A bat box and swift nest box are proposed as a form of biodiversity enhancements for the development. The specification of the swift nest box is a Vivara Pro Woodstone Swift Nest Box. Whereas the specification of the bat box is WoodStone Beaumaris Bat Box Midi.

Conclusion: It is considered that subject to the above, the proposed development would build resilient ecological networks and deliver net benefits for biodiversity by installing a swift nest box and a bat box. The combined effect of the above measures will be the creation of a species rich landscape, appropriate to the scale and nature of the proposed development.

Signed: Jon Hurley

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