

Delegated Decision Report

Application No:	25/0399	Statutory Period Expires:	25th July 2025
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Site:	109 Bessemer Drive Newport NP19 4TN		
Proposal:	INSTALLATION OF AIR SOURCE HEAT PUMP		
Applicant:	G Maslin		
Type:	Full	Ward:	Llanwern
Decision:	GRANTED WITH CONDITIONS		

1. BACKGROUND

1.1 None.

2. SITE LOCATION AND CONTEXT

2.1 109 Bessemer Drive is a 2no storey detached property situated in the Llanwern ward.

3. DESCRIPTION OF DEVELOPMENT

3.1 It is proposed to install the heat pump to the rear of the property, in the back garden. It will measure 1.1m in height, 0.8m in width and 0.6m in depth. It is to be located within 0.3m from the nearest boundary. It will be set off the side wall of the rear garden. As it is located within 3 metres of the boundary of the property, the installation is not Permitted Development under the Town and Country Planning (General Permitted Development) Order 1995 (as amended), hence why planning permission has been sought from the authority.

4. RELEVANT SITE HISTORY

None.

5. PLANNING POLICY

5.1 THE NATIONAL DEVELOPMENT FRAMEWORK: FUTURE WALES - THE NATIONAL PLAN 2040

Future Wales sets out the Welsh Government's land use priorities and provides a national land use framework for SDPs and LDPs. Future Wales concentrates on development and land use issues of national significance, indicating areas of major opportunities and change, highlighting areas that need protecting and enhancing and helping to co-ordinate the delivery of Welsh Government policies to maximise positive outcomes.

Policy 1 - Where Wales Will Grow

Policy 2 - Shaping Urban Growth and Regeneration - Strategic Placemaking

Policy 9 - Resilient Ecological Networks and Green Infrastructure

5.2 PLANNING POLICY WALES (EDITION 12) 2024

3.3 - Good design is fundamental to creating sustainable places where people want to live, work and socialise.

3.4 - Meeting the objectives of good design should be the aim of all those involved in the development process and should be applied to all development proposals at all scales.

5.3 NEWPORT LOCAL DEVELOPMENT PLAN (2011-2026)

- CE4 (Archaeology)
- GP6 (Quality of Design)
- GP7 (Environmental Protection and Public Health)

5.4 SUPPLEMENTARY PLANNING GUIDANCE
NONE

6. CONSULTATION RESPONSES

6.1 Environmental Health Officer: No objections subject to conditions.

6.2 Glamorgan GWENT Archaeological Trust:

Information in the regional Historic Environment Record (HER) shows that the application area is situated within the Archaeologically Sensitive Area (ASA) of the Levels, an area where evidence for human activity dating from 4000BC has been found. The HER also shows that it is situated within the core polygon of Llanwern Steelworks Landscape, an area originally part of the back-fen, now largely occupied by the Llanwern Steelworks, was characterised by a series of commons located on the fen edge, which were largely destroyed by 20th century redevelopment. The historic character resulted from reclamation and early enclosure of the back-fen. This is shown on the First Edition Ordnance Survey map (c.1887) as a series of tree-lined reens. There are no records however located within the application area, nor within the immediate vicinity.

The application is for the installation of an air source heat pump, which is considered to be of a relatively limited scale and situated within an area that has been disturbed from previous development. Therefore, it is unlikely that archaeologically significant material will be encountered during the course of the proposed works.

As a result, there is unlikely to be an archaeological restraint to this proposed development. Consequently, as the archaeological advisors to your Members, we have no objections to the positive determination of this application. The record is not definitive, however, and features may be disturbed during the course of any work in the area. In this event, please contact this division of the Trust.

7. PUBLIC REPRESENTATIONS

Site Notice was put up on 06.06.2025 and 13.06.2025. Neighbour and Ward member notification letters were sent on 03.07.2025

7.1 NEIGHBOURS: 2no neighbours were consulted. No response received to date.

7.2 LLANWERN COMMUNITY COUNCIL: No response received to date.

8. ASSESSMENT

8.1 Air source heat pumps (ASHPs) must be sited to have minimal effect on the external appearance of the property and wider amenity of the area. The ASHP is to be sited in the rear garden which is a less prominent elevation that is not visible from the public realm which is an appropriate siting for the proposal. As such, it is considered that there would not be an adverse visual impact that causes detriment to the visual amenity of the neighbouring occupier nor detracts from the character of the area. Therefore, the proposal accords with Policy GP2 of the Newport Local Development Plan 2011 – 2026 (Adopted January 2015).

8.2 As the ASHP is located 0.3m away from the nearest boundary, noise impact has been considered as part of this application and as such the Environmental Health officer was consulted. The Environmental Health Officer offers no objection but various conditions are recommended that relate to future maintenance of the plant, specific details of the base upon which it is sited and specific details of an acoustic fence. These matters are for the operator and responsible homeowner to manage and ongoing maintenance of the pump is not suitably controlled via planning condition. The noise report does not require a fence or any specific features to mitigate noise. These conditions are not included as would impose unnecessary or unreasonable requirements and are not compliant with legal tests for planning conditions. The supporting noise information is satisfactory and no objection is raised by the environmental health officer. The pump will be sited alongside a boundary wall with open space rather than adjacent to a dwelling or domestic garden area that may be more sensitive to noise effects in any case. It is considered unlikely that the pump will give rise to any noise nuisance.

- 8.3 As the site is located in an archaeologically sensitive area, Glamorgan Gwent Archaeological Trust have been consulted. They have offered no objections as there is no reason to consider any demonstrable impact upon the area archaeologically.

9. OTHER CONSIDERATIONS

9.1 *Crime and Disorder Act 1998*

Section 17(1) of the Crime and Disorder Act 1998 imposes a duty on the Local Authority to exercise its various functions with due regard to the likely effect of the exercise of those functions on, and the need to do all that it reasonably can to prevent, crime and disorder in its area. This duty has been considered in the evaluation of this application. It is considered that there would be no significant or unacceptable increase in crime and disorder as a result of the proposed decision.

9.2 *Equality Act 2010*

The Equality Act 2010 identifies a number of 'protected characteristics', namely age; disability; gender reassignment; pregnancy and maternity; race; religion or belief; sex; sexual orientation; marriage and civil partnership.

9.3 Having due regard to advancing equality involves:

- removing or minimising disadvantages suffered by people due to their protected characteristics;
- taking steps to meet the needs of people from protected groups where these differ from the need of other people; and
- encouraging people from protected groups to participate in public life or in other activities where their participation is disproportionately low.

9.4 The above duty has been given due consideration in the determination of this application. It is considered that there would be no significant or unacceptable impact upon persons who share a protected characteristic, over and above any other person, as a result of the proposed decision.

9.5 *Planning (Wales) Act 2015 (Welsh language)*

Section 31 of the Act clarifies that impacts on the Welsh language may be a consideration when taking decisions on applications for planning permission so far as it is material to the application. This duty has been given due consideration in the determination of this application. It is considered that there would be no material effect upon the use of the Welsh language in Newport as a result of the proposed decision.

9.6 *Newport's Well-Being Plan 2018-23*

The Wellbeing of Future Generations (Wales) Act 2015 imposes a duty on public bodies to carry out sustainable development in accordance with the sustainable development principle to act in a manner which seeks to ensure that the needs of the present are met without compromising the ability of future generations to meet their own needs. This duty has been considered during the preparation of Newport's Well-Being Plan 2018-23, which was signed off on 1 May 2018. The duty imposed by the Act together with the goals and objectives of Newport's Well-Being Plan 2018-23 have been considered in the evaluation of this application. It is considered that there would be no significant or unacceptable impact upon the achievement of wellbeing objectives as a result of the proposed decision.

10. CONCLUSION

- 10.1 The ASHP is suitably sited and would not have an adverse visual impact or impact on the amenity of the neighbouring occupier.

11. DECISION

GRANTED WITH CONDITIONS

01 PLANS CONDITION

The development shall be implemented in accordance with the following plans and documents:

- MSC Noise Calculation received 27.05.2025
- Proposed Elevations 04
- Proposed Site Plan 03

Reason: In the interests of clarity and to ensure the development complies with the submitted plans and documents on which this decision was based.

NOTE TO APPLICANT

01 This decision relates to plan Nos:

- Existing Elevations 02
- Existing Site Plan 01
- Site Location Plan received 27.05.2025

02 The development plan for Newport is the Newport Local Development Plan 2011 – 2026 (Adopted January 2015). Policies CE4, GP6 and GP7 were relevant to the determination of this application.

03 As consideration of this request did not raise significant additional environmental matters over and above those previously considered as part of the original application, it is considered that the proposals did not need to be screened under the Environmental Impact Assessment Regulations.