

Delegated Decision Report

Application No:	25/0545	Statutory Period Expires:	12th September 2025
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Site:	30 Aberthaw Road Newport NP19 9QP		
Proposal:	PARTIAL DISCHARGE OF CONDITION 2 (BIO DIVERSITY ENHANCEMENT) OF 25/0356 TO DEMOLISH EXISTING SIDE EXTENSION AND REPLACE WITH A NEW SINGLE STOREY SIDE EXTENSION		
Applicant:	P Fletcher		
Type:	Discharge Conditions	Ward:	Alway
Decision:	APPROVED		

1. BACKGROUND

- 1.1 An application to demolish an existing side extension and erect a new single storey side extension was granted with conditions under application ref.25/0356 in July 2025.

2. SITE LOCATION AND CONTEXT

- 2.1 30 Aberthaw Road is a semi-detached property with a front driveway, situated in the Alway ward. Liswerry Park borders the property to the West and South. The adjoining property has a 2no storey side extension that accommodates an internal garage

3. DESCRIPTION OF DEVELOPMENT

- 3.1 This application seeks to partially discharge condition 2 (Biodiversity Enhancement) of application ref.25/0356. Condition 2 reads:

"Prior to the commencement of development, a scheme of Biodiversity Enhancement Measure(s) and an Implementation Timetable shall be submitted to and approved in writing by the Local Planning Authority. The Biodiversity Enhancement Measure(s) shall thereafter be undertaken in accordance with the approved scheme and Implementation Timetable and retained thereafter for the lifetime of the development.

Reason: In the interests of biodiversity and to provide a net benefit to biodiversity in accordance with Policy 9 of Future Wales and policies SP9 and GP5 of the Newport Local Development Plan 2011-2026."

4. RELEVANT SITE HISTORY

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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)

Policy GP5 General Development Principles – Natural Environment states that proposals should be designed to protect and encourage biodiversity and ecological connectivity and ensure there are no negative impacts on protected habitats. Proposals should not result in an unacceptable impact of water quality or the loss or reduction in quality of agricultural land (Grades 1, 2 and 3A). There should be no unacceptable impact on landscape quality and proposals should enhance the site and wider context including green infrastructure and biodiversity

6. CONSULTATION RESPONSES

6.1 ECOLOGY OFFICER

No objection

The proposed bird nest boxes and their locations as indicated in the Biodiversity Enhancement Scheme document, together with the proposed hedgehog gaps in the fence are sufficient to partially discharge condition 02 of application 25/0356, subject to implementation in full. The suggestion of planting flowering species which will increase the sites value for birds, invertebrates and insects is welcome, but no details are provided of this planting. However considering the other enhancement measures proposed, this would not justify refusal to discharge this condition.

7. PUBLIC REPRESENTATIONS

N/A

8. ASSESSMENT

8.1 2no externally mounted bird boxes are proposed on the western and southern elevations of the property. In terms of specification, the bird boxes would be certified European redwood with a 25mm entrance hole. Each bird box will be positioned at least 2-4 metres above the ground and 0.5 metres away from any doors, windows and vents. Post construction monitoring will continue post development to monitor the success of the applied enhancement measures.

8.2 Hedgehog friendly fencing is also proposed along to create a nature highway. To create the highway, 3no x 115m wide holes will be drilled into the concrete gravel boards along the southern (rear) boundary which backs onto Liswerry Pond which is a designated Environmental Space for its fishing pond and grassed area. The holes in the concrete gravel boards will allow hedgehogs and wildlife to move between the rear garden and Environmental Space freely.

8.3 In terms of implementation, each of the above measures will be installed/completed six months prior to the completion of the approved development. Thereafter, the enhancements will be monitored and maintained by the occupier.

8.4 The details provided are commensurate with the approved scheme and sufficiently address the requirements of condition 2. The Council's Ecology Officer has not offered any objection to a partial discharge of the condition, subject to implementation in full.

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 information submitted provides sufficient details relating to a biodiversity enhancement scheme and a timetable for implementation. The information is sufficient to partially discharge condition 2 (biodiversity enhancement) of application ref.25/0356.

11. DECISION

APPROVED

NOTE TO APPLICANT

01 This decision relates to plan Nos: Biodiversity Enhancement Scheme and Implementation Timetable, Site Location Plan

02 The development plan for Newport is the Newport Local Development Plan 2011 – 2026 (Adopted January 2015). Policy GP5 was relevant to the determination of this application.

03 Due to the minor nature of the proposed development (including any demolition) and the location of the proposed development, it is considered that the proposals did not need to be screened under the Environmental Impact Assessment Regulations.