

Discharge condition 2

Planning ref 25/0606

Address Welfare Ground, Unit Known As The Glade Cafe , Tregwilym Road, Rogerstone,
Newport, NP10 9EQ

Condition 2

Prior to the commencement of development, a biodiversity enhancement scheme shall be submitted to and approved in writing by the Local Planning Authority. The biodiversity enhancement scheme shall be implemented in accordance with the approved plans prior to the first beneficial use of the development hereby approved. The location and details of these must be shown on relevant plans. Reason: In the interest of protected species, in accordance with Policy GP5 of the Newport Local Development Plan 2011-2026 (adopted January 2015).

Introduction

The Welfare Grounds are actively managed by RCC. The Glade community gardening group voluntarily manages an area adjacent to the Glade Café and also assists with the maintenance of other areas, including the meadow. Wild About Rogerstone, a local voluntary organisation, works in partnership with the Community Council to conserve, enhance, and manage biodiversity in accordance with the principles set out in Planning Policy Wales (PPW) and Technical Advice Note 5 (TAN 5).

The management of the site seeks to maintain and enhance ecological value, deliver measurable biodiversity benefits, and promote habitat resilience, consistent with the Welsh Government's objective to halt and reverse biodiversity loss. Evidence of biodiversity enhancement measures implemented during **2025** is provided in support of this submission.

The Welfare Grounds are also used by **four local primary schools** for educational purposes, contributing to wider environmental awareness and supporting the objectives of PPW in promoting access to green infrastructure and nature-based learning.

A designated wildflower meadow ("*The Meadow*"), located near the café, extends to approximately **880 m² (8 m × 110 m)** and is fully established with native wildflower species. This area provides species-rich grassland habitat, supporting pollinators and contributing to local ecological networks.

Additional biodiversity enhancements are present throughout the site, including bird nesting boxes, bat roosting features, and hedgehog shelters. These measures provide habitat and refuge for protected and priority species, demonstrating a proactive approach to biodiversity enhancement and net benefit, in line with national and local planning policy.

See photos overleaf

