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GREEN INFRASTRUCTURE STATEMENT

Introduction

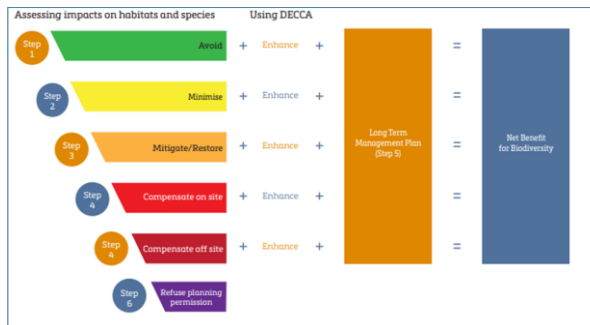
The proposed development incorporates a proportionate and site-appropriate approach to Green Infrastructure (GI), consistent with the principles set out in Planning Policy Wales (Edition 12) and Future Wales: The National Plan 2040, which promote the integration of green infrastructure into all scales of development to support biodiversity, climate resilience, and placemaking.

Planning Policy Wales

As per Planning Policy Wales, Edition 12, February 2024 a Green Infrastructure Statement is required to demonstrate how a step-wise approach has been considered in maintaining and enhancing biodiversity for the proposals. The statement should be proportionate to the scale and nature of the proposed development. Only a short description is required more minor developments such as householder applications. Figure 1 below sets out the summary of the stepwise approach as set out in the Chapter 6 of PPW.



Summary of the Step-Wise Approach



Enhancements

The rear garden forms part of the wider residential green infrastructure network within the local area, contributing to permeability for urban biodiversity and providing soft landscaped private amenity space. The proposed works seek to enhance rather than diminish this function through the introduction of structured landscaping and planting improvements.

The inclusion of additional landscaping is designed to retain meaningful soft green space within the rear garden whilst accommodating necessary level changes. This approach ensures that built elements are visually softened and that green coverage is maintained across multiple levels, rather than being concentrated solely at a single plane.



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The proposed landscaping strategy introduces opportunities for additional planting, including low-level shrubs and climbers along boundary treatments, which will enhance habitat potential for pollinators and small urban wildlife. This will contribute positively to local ecological connectivity, particularly given the site's proximity to Belle Vue Park, which acts as a significant green infrastructure asset within the wider area.

The development therefore maintains and enhances the green infrastructure function of the site by ensuring that hard surfacing is balanced with meaningful soft landscaping, improving visual amenity, supporting biodiversity value, and contributing to local climate resilience through increased vegetation cover and surface permeability within planting areas.

A landscaping and maintenance plan has been submitted alongside this application, setting out long-term management measures to ensure that proposed planting is appropriately established and retained, thereby securing the continued contribution of the site to local green infrastructure over time.