

GREEN INFRASTRUCTURE STATEMENT & BIODIVERSITY ENHANCEMENT SCHEME

Guidance note on Green Infrastructure to assist in providing site-specific information using the stepwise approach.

Green Infrastructure (GI) Statements

A GI Statement is required on all developments as detailed in *Planning Policy Wales, Edition 12* (PPW12). Green Infrastructure includes water features such as ponds. A Green Infrastructure Statement describes how the green infrastructure of a site (trees, hedges, grassland, ponds and SuDs) has been incorporated into the development proposal. A Green Infrastructure Statement is to be proportionate to the scale and nature of the development, and this should not be an onerous requirement for applicants in the case of minor development such as householder applications.

This information is not appropriate to seek through a planning condition on the consent and must instead be provided before the application is determined and considered as part of the planning application process.

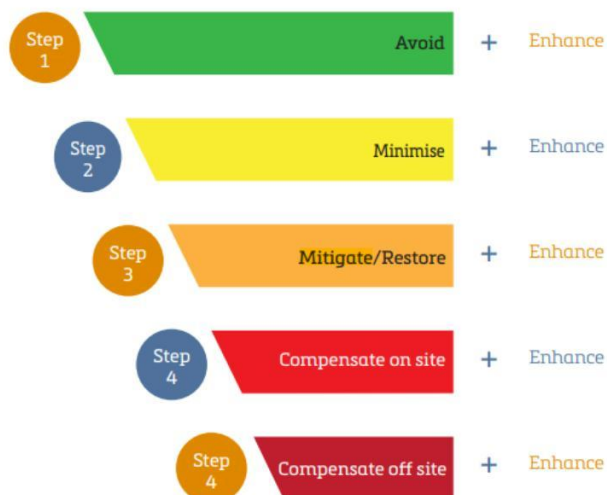
Biodiversity Enhancement Scheme

The *Environment (Wales) Act 2016* requires all development to show a **net benefit** to biodiversity and this can be achieved by including biodiversity enhancement measures in your development. These don't need to be costly or large in scale, and could include bird boxes, insect boxes, bee and invertebrate mounds, and the planting of native shrubs or flowers suitable for bees and other pollinators in the garden. A net benefit can only be achieved after avoiding damage, minimizing (mitigation) impacts and replacement (compensation). The enhancements do not need to be directly attached to the proposed new construction; they can be attached to the host dwelling or placed within the garden, but they should be on land within the red line.

How do I provide the information?

To assist in providing the information required, the associated form can be completed to provide the specific Green Infrastructure and biodiversity enhancement details that are required for your proposed development.

The Green Infrastructure Statement must show that Green Infrastructure and biodiversity will be protected and enhanced by following these steps in order:



Form completed by	Steve Groucott
Date	8 Sept 2025
Address of site	13 Clytha square
Grid reference	
Description of Proposal	Conversion of offices to apartments
Planning reference (if you have one)	NA

1. Green Infrastructure (GI) assessment

	All existing GI on site	Has this GI already been removed?	Will this GI need to be removed?
Boundary 1	NE Masonry wall	No removal	No
Boundary 2	NW Large Masonry wall	No removal	No
Boundary 3	SW Masonry wall	No removal	No
Boundary 4	SE Masonry wall and entry	No removal	No
Front Garden	Mainly tarmac, some grass	Partial removal	Partial
Rear Garden	Mainly grass		Partial
Other			

2. How are the retained features being protected during development (BS5837:2012)?

Boundary 1:	Solid structure un-touched
Boundary 2:	Solid structure un-touched
Boundary 3:	Solid structure un-touched
Boundary 4:	Solid structure un-touched
Front Garden:	The area was laid to be amenity space, and will be reinstated, car-park spaces added
Rear Garden:	Slight alteration to accommodate retaining wall,
Other:	

3. Describe what has been done to avoid any impacts as far as possible

The site has a planting schedule, and plan, to enhance the existing gardens

4. Describe what will be done to mitigate (minimise) any impacts

Additional ecological features and enhance planting to garden areas

5. Describe what will be done to compensate for (replace) any losses

Habitats for birds and mammals, and enhanced planting

6. What Landscaping is being implemented to enhance Green Infrastructure?

Planting to front and also to top of rear retaining wall and amenity areas

7. How will the new planting be implemented, managed and/or maintained?

The details are shown on Block plan drawing
SD1045 02

8. Biodiversity enhancements

The following biodiversity enhancements have also been added (tick which applies, or include anything else in the “other” section:

Biodiversity enhancement	Yes, we will provide this
Bat box	SD1045 03
Bird box	SD1045 03
Hedgehog hole in fence for access	no
Hedgehog nest box (<i>garden contained by 4m retaining wall to rear, and retaining walls to both side, and main road to front not a suitable addition</i>)	
Area of wildflower planting (minimum 1m ²)	Yes
Wildlife pond (<i>must ensure easy exit for wildlife “exit ramp”, and <u>not</u> be stocked with fish</i>)	no
Plant a new native hedgerow, or remove existing low value hedgerow and replace with a native hedgerow	SD1045 02
Other	

Details of above

Type	Location	Info
Bird boxes	Gable wall	2 bird boxes SD1045 03
Bat Boxes	SD1045 03	
Planting to front and also to top of rear retaining wall and amenity areas		

9. Conclusion

This a site limited by the features within the townscape, roads, retaining walls, parking areas. Etc. Despite this the amenity areas and the buildings have been enhanced to contain habitats, and planting of a type that allows refuge and feeding

*Based on the information provided above, this development will result in a **Green Infrastructure and biodiversity Net Benefit** upon completion.*

10. Sketch plan (showing the approximate plan of the features of the development site)

See SD1045 02

11. Site photos



Fig 1. view of rear garden to North



Fig 2. view of rear garden to the showing the existing garden store