

60 Park Road, Gowerton – Green Infrastructure Statement

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Householder Application

60 Park Road

Gowerton

Swansea

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1.0 BACKGROUND

1.1 This Green Infrastructure Statement (GIS) is provided to accompany a householder planning application to Swansea City Council at 60 Park Road, Gowerton

1.2 The proposal is for a Two storey rear extension and single storey side/rear extension with attic conversion to the existing property

1.3 As shown in the aerial photograph below , the area is residential.



Aerial Photograph

2.0 STEP-WISE APPROACH

2.1 The proposals meet the recent changes to Chapter 6 of Planning Policy Wales 12th February 2024 which requires a proactive approach to green infrastructure conservation, restoration and enhancement and the securing of a net benefit for biodiversity through the use of the step-wise approach and DECCA framework to provide mitigation and enhancement in addition to a commitment for long-term management for the biodiversity resource as shown in the following illustration from PPW12.

Figure 12: Summary of the Step-Wise Approach



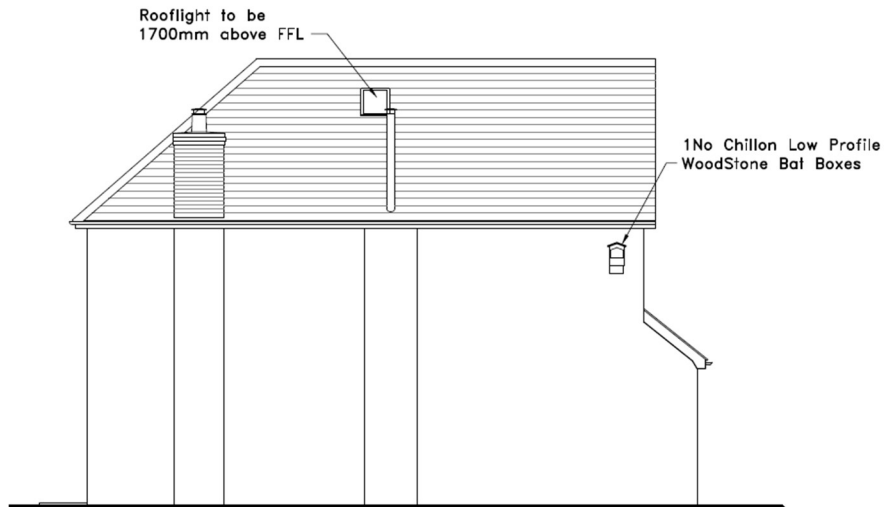
2.2 Impacts have been minimized to avoid impacts on habitats and species with green infrastructure constraints identified early in the design process.

3.0 EXISTING GREEN INFRASTRUCTURE

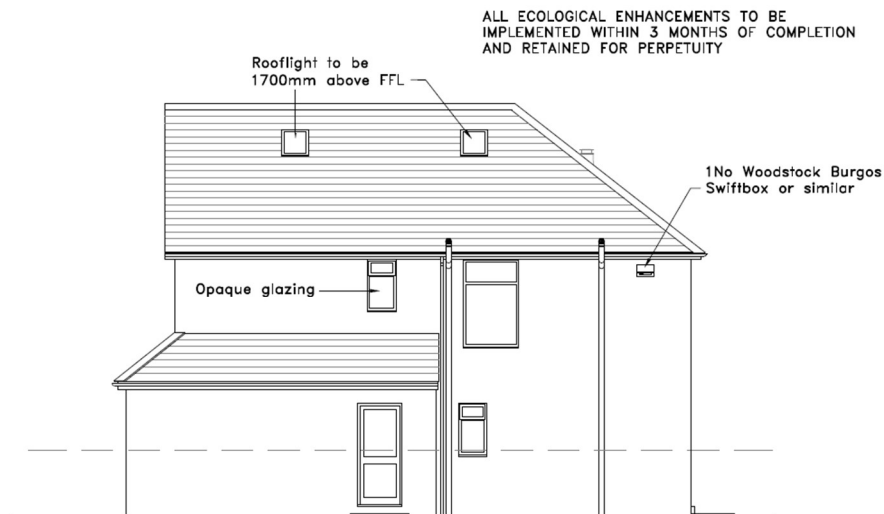
3.1 There is a lawned area and mature shrubs on the rear boundary, at an approximate distance of 13m from the proposed extension, which will be retained.

4.0 ENHANCEMENT USING THE DECCA FRAMEWORK – to build resilient ecological networks

4.1 Ecological enhancements are shown on the following extracts



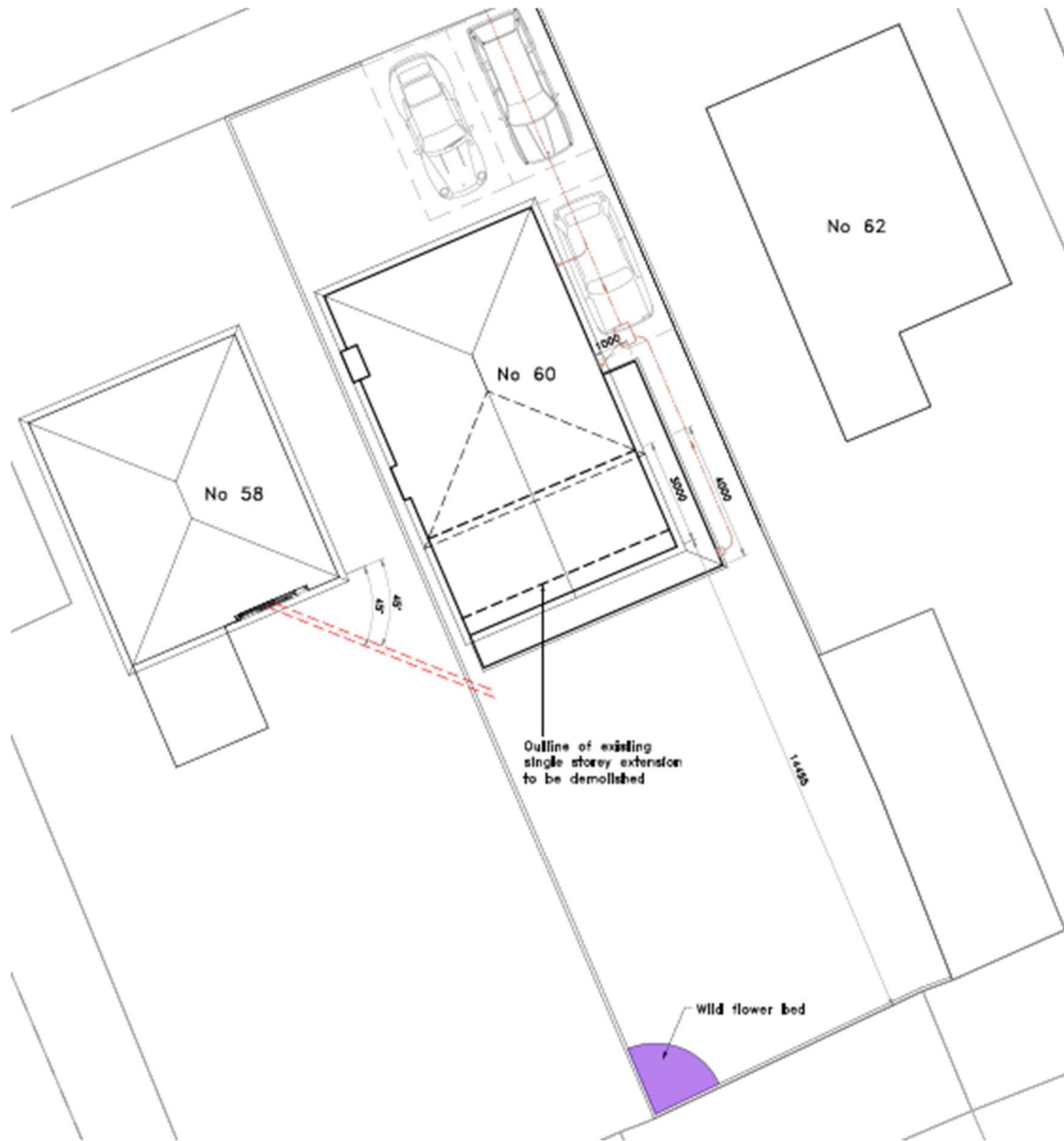
Side Elevation (West)



Side Elevation (East)

Extracts from Drawing 05 – Indicating position of proposed Bat Box and Swiftbox

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Extracts from Drawing 01 –Indicating position of proposed Wild Flower Bed

4.4 The baseline is a residential site dominated by lawn. Using the DECCA framework to build resilient ecological networks the following enhancements will be provided.

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Bat Box	1No
Swift Box	1No
Wild Flower Bed	3 sq.m.

Wild Flower Bed

Native Wildflower Mix Species:

Borage
Campion, Red
Campion, White
Clover, Red
Corn Poppy
Cornflower
Daisy, Ox-eye
Knapweed, Lesser
Musk Mallow
Plantain, Ribwort
Salad burnett
Self Heal
Yellow Rattle

5.0 LONG TERM MANAGEMENT

5.1 Check annually that the bat box and swift box remain in good condition and replace if necessary

Wildflower bed

- Keep uncut through spring to a first cut after flowering late July and remove arisings
- Can also be cut again late summer and late autumn to keep a neat appearance if required