GREEN INFRASTRUCTURE STATEMENT

Introduction

This GIS statement accompanies Planning application: **PA23/07468**

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**Background**

Following adoption of the Climate Emergency DPD, Cornwall Council has decided that a GIS must accompany every application for planning permission.

Cornwall Council says that the GIS must relate to the Environmental Growth Strategy prepared by the Cornwall and Scilly Isles Local Nature Partnership ,which is focused on the ‘ 10 pillars for action’ to help nature regenerate and to provide the natural foundations for a green recovery ‘.In other words the strategy is to enhance as well as to protect nature

Cornwall Council says that the GIS should detail the way in which green infrastructure has been incorporated into the proposed developments master plan showing how green infrastructure assets link to the wider green infrastructure network

Cornwall council finally says the level of information should be proportionate to the scale and nature of the development

**The Proposal**

The application site is –an existing dwelling house that is in the order of a century old and is within a residential area of town Penzance .it is not subject to any ecological designations and contains no significant green infrastructure assets

The proposal is small in scale and on the site of an existing dwelling of about 140m2

The nature of the proposall is to convert an existing house into a ground floor flat and a first floor flat each with its own entrance .

There is no garden and no trees nearby and the proposals will not involve any cutting or pruning of any trees or shrubs or even grass so no affect on any wildlife at all.

**Relationship of the proposed residential development to the 10 ‘pillars’**

1. The proposal maintains a domestic courtyard where there is no vegetation and no invasive species or any species of any plant .

2. The site is over ½ km from the sea and thee proposals has no implications on the marine environment or inshore waters nor any marine protected areas nor the sustainability of local fisheries

3. The proposal maintains the residential use of the site and has no implications on natural climate solutions

4. The site is in a sustainable local location surrounded b y residential properties

5. The site is in a sustainable urban location and the proposed residential development has no implications for contributing to increased air pollution

6. The site is not near to any watercourses or has no pollution implications on clean water resources

7 The proposal has waste reduction befits as this is a conversion not a new build and very little structure or building materials are being removed and its of very small scale and sustainable

8. The proposals have no implications on agriculture or sustainable food production

9. The supporting statement’s section ‘planning balance ‘explains the proposals social and economic benefits under paragraph 89 of the national planning policy frame work and Cornwall local plan policy 1

10 .The proposal has no implications on governance, leadership and community in relation to the environmental growth strategy

**Conclusion**

The application site is part of an established built up area at the centre of the town of Penzance town. The existing domestic courtyard contains no areas for plants or grass or any green infrastructure assets and the small scale of building work proposed maintains the natural environment with no detrimental affect s and minimal waste produced as a result of the conversion

The minor proposal therefore has no adverse implications on the 10 pillars for action in the environmental growth strategy and overall has a neutral effect to the Green Infrastructure of Penzance and the wider area.