



Biodiversity Enhancement Statement

Householder application for a rear single storey orangery extension to provide additional living space.

at

**'White Cottage',
32, King Street,
Arundel.
West Sussex
BN18 9BW**

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1.0 Purpose of the Statement

This Biodiversity Enhancement Statement accompanies the householder planning application in accordance with Arun District Council's local validation requirements and policy.

The purpose is to demonstrate how the proposal will,

- Protect existing on-site biodiversity.
- Enhance ecological value where feasible.
- Avoid harm to wildlife and habitats during construction.
- Support the aims of the Greening Arundel initiative.

2.0 Existing site conditions and description of works

The existing site is a domestic dwelling with a rear garden area consisting of a paved patio area, grass, mature trees, shrubs and hedgerows. The rear garden is flat with steps leading up from the existing patio area.

The proposal is to construct a new Orangery extension where the existing patio is currently situated with little or no change to the existing landscaping arrangements.

Access to the rear garden remains the same and is not affected or changed by the proposal.

The existing grassed area to the rear garden will remain as existing.

The site is modest in its diversity and planting, with existing plants being retained to protect the current biodiversity. The proposal intends to retain both existing planting, shrubs, trees and grassed areas.

3.0 Commitment to Biodiversity

The homeowner is committed to integrating biodiversity enhancements into the project and wherever possible to support local wildlife and promote a health ecosystem.

The proposal will preserve all existing natural features and retain all grassed areas, planting, shrubs, trees and hedges within the site.

The proposals Biodiversity Enhancement Measures will include,

- **Habitat Preservation** – Preserving mature trees, shrubs, flower beds and grassed areas to continue to provide habitat and food sources for local wildlife, with no encroachment of the new building on the existing grassed areas.
- **Construction Phase** – All vegetation will be protected during the works with temporary barriers and the routes to the rear works area being maintained.
- **Enhancement of Wildlife** – Bird boxes and feeders are currently in place to attract and support the local bird populations and to further enhance the ecological value. A further box will be fitted at an appropriate location within the garden.
- **Water Collection** – A rainwater butt will be installed to the downpipe to support water conservation and provide incidental water sources for birds and insects and additional water sources for plants during periods of drought.
- **Minimising Light Pollution for Nocturnal Wildlife** – There are no changes to any external lighting.
- **New Planting** – New climbing plants to be introduced to the boundary flank wall to soften the look of the extension when viewed from the adjacent property and provide new habitat and feeding sources for local wildlife.
- **Timing of Works** – External works will avoid the main bird nesting season (March-August).
- **Pollution Prevention** – Standard best practice measures will be adopted,
 - No cement mixing near drains or planting
 - Immediate clean up of any accidental spills.

4.0 Monitoring & Maintenance

- Regular monitoring will be conducted of the biodiversity features to make sure they are all working properly and provide the intended benefits.
- The homeowner will maintain the plants and shrubs around the newly constructed orangery.
- All biodiversity features carried out during the proposal will be maintained by the home owner as part of the regular garden maintenance. There is no anticipated future need for removal or disturbance of any of these features.

5.0. Conclusion

This developmental proposal has been designed to minimise impact of the existing natural environment while offering opportunities for biodiversity enhancement. The measures outlined above ensure compliance with Arun District Council's requirements and contribute positively to local ecological sustainability.