Biodiversity Enhancement Statement

Proposed Development: Construction of a summer house at the rear of the Garden

Site Address: 162 Fitzalan Road, Arundel, BN18 9JZ

1.0 Introduction

This statement supports a planning application for the construction of a summer house at the rear of the residential garden. It outlines how the proposal considers and supports local biodiversity.

2.0 Site Description and Existing Land Use

The site is a private residential garden, consisting of a grass lawn, mature planting beds, and small shrubs. The summer house is proposed to be constructed at the rear of the garden, on an area currently comprising of shingle .
The site is not located near any Sites of Special Scientific Interest (SSSIs), Ancient Woodlands, or designated ecological conservation areas. There is no evidence of priority species or habitats being present on site.

3.0 Biodiversity Impact

● The summer house will occupy a modest footprint, and its siting will minimise disruption to existing garden features.

● No significant vegetation will be removed to accommodate the development.

● The overall layout of the garden will remain unchanged, with a substantial proportion retained as lawn and planted borders.

● There is no anticipated loss of habitat as a result of the proposed development.

4.0 Biodiversity Enhancements

To enhance biodiversity on site, the following measures will be implemented as part of the proposal:

4.1 Installation of a bird box on an existing tree or wall within the garden.

4.2 Planting of a native wildflower mix in select areas of the garden to support pollinators.

4.3 Retention and maintenance of existing garden planting to provide foraging and nesting opportunities for local wildlife.

4.4 Use of low-level, wildlife-friendly lighting (if any) to avoid disturbance to nocturnal species.

5.0 Conclusion

The proposed development has been designed with consideration for the existing natural environment. The impact on biodiversity is minimal, and the measures proposed will result in a net gain in biodiversity at the property. The applicant is committed to supporting the local ecosystem while enhancing the usability of the garden.