

## Biodiversity Enhancement Statement

*Location:* The Bungalow Nyton, Road Westergate. PO20 3UQ

**Project:** Single storey front porch and rear extension, conversion of integral garage to habitable use, extension to detached garage and alterations to fenestration/openings.

**Site Location:** The site is not located close to any Sites of Special Scientific Interest (SSSI's) or other areas of ecological distinction and there is no evidence of there being any existing habitat or feature of ecological value on the site.

**Land Use:** The site itself consists of a detached bungalow with a concrete front drive with the garden situated at the front of the property. The garden is bordered by a mature 3-3.5-metre-high evergreen hedge. There are various boarders with mature shrubs and ornate trees. The large proportion of the front garden is grass lawn and there is a small pond. At the rear of the property there is a private paved courtyard which borders the rear of the property, the Western side of the house only has sufficient access to maintain the property along the property boundary. The East side of the property is concrete hard stand parking, allowing access to the detached garage. The proposed extension to the garage will be sited on an existing area of hardstanding and the proposed rear extension will be built within the confines of the paved courtyard garden, therefore there will be no loss of habitats as a result of these extensions.

**Conclusion:** The development will not result in a loss to local biodiversity, and it will protect the current biodiversity that exists on the site.

This application seeks to protect and improve the existing on-site natural environment by retaining the grassed lawn at the front of the property, together with the mature hedge, planted flower borders and ornate trees