

Biodiversity Enhancement Statement – Revision A

Planning Application Ref: AL/123/25/HH

Site: Meadowsley, Westergate Street, Westergate, PO20 3QS

This statement has been prepared to satisfy Arun District Council's **local validation requirement** to explain how the proposal seeks to **protect and improve the existing on-site natural environment**.

The development involves removal of existing conifers and bushes to allow construction of a boundary wall with vehicle and pedestrian access gates. No protected species, priority habitats, or designated sites will be affected.

Protection Measures

- Vegetation removal will be limited strictly to that required for the development.
- Works will, where practicable, be undertaken outside the main bird nesting season.
- Construction activity will be contained to prevent unnecessary disturbance to surrounding garden areas.

Enhancement Measures

- The overall site will continue to function as a domestic garden environment capable of supporting common urban wildlife.
- Existing opportunities for biodiversity within the remaining garden areas will be retained where possible.
- Future garden management practices will have regard to maintaining biodiversity value appropriate to the residential setting.
- External lighting associated with the development will be avoided or kept to a minimum to reduce disturbance to wildlife.

These measures provide a proportionate biodiversity enhancement appropriate to the scale of development, in accordance with local validation requirements and the NPPF.