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## ARCHITECT

### Biodiversity Enhancement Statement

3 Grange Field Way, Aldwick, PO21 4EG  
19th January 2026

#### **Policy:**

Policy - ENV DM5

#### **17.1 Natural Environment**

**Arun's Local Plan strategic objective for the Natural Environment is:**

**"To plan for climate change and work in harmony with the environment to conserve natural resources and increase biodiversity."**

#### **Policy ENV SP1**

#### **Natural Environment**

Arun District Council will encourage and promote the preservation, restoration and enhancement of biodiversity and the natural environment through the development process and particularly through policies for the protection of both designated and non-designated sites. Where possible it shall also promote the creation of new areas for habitats and species. In relation to designated sites, development will be permitted where it protects sites listed in Tables 17.1-17.7 that are recognised for the species and habitats contained within them.

#### **Assessment:**

Our site is not within -

1. Designated site of biodiversity of geological importance,
2. Ramsars site,
3. Special Area of Conservation (SAC),
4. Special Protected Area,
5. Nationally Designated Site,
6. Marine Conservation Zone,
7. Locally Important Site,
8. Local Nature Reserve,
9. Site of Nature Conservation Importance, or
10. Regionally Important and Geomorphological Site.

### Considerations:

The site is currently the garden to the front and rear of 3 Grange Field Way. The garden contains many small bushes and is bound by small trees to the north, east and south boundaries. The remainder of the site is grass with shrubs and some soil borders. As such it could be considered the current biodiversity potential is very high for such a relatively compact site. Please see existing image below.



### Proposals:

The site is already rich in diversity and planting, all existing planting will be respected during the works and retained to protect the current biodiversity. New biodiversity will be encouraged by:

1. Using permeable paving where appropriate.
2. Retain areas of bushes/shrubs on the north, east and south boundaries to encourage a diverse mixture of native species to intercept surface water.
3. Create compost heap to compost waste and improve soils - location to be agreed.
5. Retain friendly linear features (e.g., native, mixed-species hedgerows along site boundaries), to improve air quality and encourage native bird and insect species.
6. Retain plants that provide a variety of food for wildlife e.g. nectar rich/berries/grasses.
7. Protect and maintain as much of the existing trees and shrubs as possible.

8. Retain existing tree cover as much as possible, bearing in mind some small trees will need to be removed to enable construction, this is to ensure trees are native and locally characteristic and well managed to facilitate more natural diversity growth.
9. Minimise areas of heavily managed amenity grass considering using wildflower and add to existing meadow mixes on less intensively used areas to the east of the building.
10. Potentially use new planting to connect up nearby habitats.
11. Rainwater from the proposed dwelling will be collected and used for watering the garden.
12. Swift box located on the main building or appropriate tree facing east.
13. Bat box located on the main building or appropriate tree facing west.
13. Hedgehog nesting box to be provided on the site.

**Additional considerations during construction:**

14. Any works to the trees or vegetation clearance on the site should only be undertaken outside of the bird breeding season which takes place between 1st March - 1st October.
15. As a precaution any trenches should be covered overnight, or a means of escape made available and any hazardous materials need to be suitably stored away so animals cannot access them. Any brush, compost and /or debris piles on site could provide shelter areas and hibernation potential for hedgehogs. These piles will be removed outside of the hibernation period mid October to mid March inclusive. The piles will undergo soft demolition.

**Conclusion:**

The above proposals will retain and enhance the current biodiversity possibilities and will contribute to the wider local by providing opportunities for species of wildlife and native plants to establish a new area for habitation or visitation.

Due to the size of the site and proposed construction no further Biodiversity Assessment is deemed necessary and all items listed above are considered an improvement over the existing rich biodiverse situation.