

Bio Diversity Enhancement Statement

The residential property is located on the edge of the Craigweil House, Aldwick Conservation Area, which lies to the south.

Protecting the current environment with this proposal will see work generally confined to the same area of the property, with the demolition of a UPVC Conservatory with a Glass roof and a single skin brickwork garage, which has a felt flat roof. These structures are unlikely to be housing any habitats.

Hard landscaping surfaces are generally adjacent to the areas in terms of access, so this will not be affected, nor any damage to adjacent current soft landscaping areas of the residential curtilage. The property has recently benefitted from renewing the fencing to the boundary of Blue Bell Woods.

The following methods will be encouraged to reduce the environmental impact during the work:

- Use of energy-efficient equipment, optimise transportation of operatives and deliveries.
- Implementation of a waste management plan and control of noise and air pollution.

There is limited opportunity to increase biodiversity, to this residential site on the whole.

The consideration of a 'Green Roof' on part of the extension would not be in keeping with the modern Georgian style character of the area, and is such a small area to warrant any benefit on what already is a very open garden, as this extends to the both the rear and side of the property, being a corner plot. Ecosystems will be enhanced with the introduction of water butts/diverter to downpipe locations.

In accordance with National Planning Policy Framework, to enhance the bio-diversity of the site the following proposals would be implemented:

- Integral swift brick that could be installed under the eaves of the proposed pitched roof, numbers and locations to be agreed. https://swift-conservation.org/swift_bricks.htm
- Bee Bricks will be placed in new south facing walls, in a sunny location at least 1m above ground level and preferably adjacent to pollinator friendly plants. <https://www.nhbs.com/bee-brick>
- The current garden will be soft landscaped with flower beds, planters and hanging baskets following completion, with the planting of pollinator friendly plants

