

# **Biodiversity Enhancement Statement**

## **Householder Planning Application Arun District Council**

**226 Manor Way  
Aldwick Bay  
PO21 4HS**

## 1. Introduction

This statement outlines the measures proposed to enhance biodiversity as part of the householder planning application for [insert address]. The proposal aligns with Arun District Councils policies on biodiversity and the National Planning Policy Framework (NPPF), which seek to achieve net gains for nature.

## 2. Existing Site Conditions

The site currently consists of a garden with lawn, shrubs, trees, hedgerows, and hardstanding areas. A preliminary assessment indicates existing wildlife, such as birds, insects, and native plants, shrubs and trees. The area of development is currently a shingle drive, with little biodiversity.

## 3. Proposed Enhancements

The following biodiversity measures will be implemented to improve habitats for local wildlife:

### 3.1. Planting and Landscaping

To include a new area of native flowering plants and shrubs to provide nectar sources for pollinators.

To include for at least one new native tree fruit tree to offer food and shelter for wildlife.

### 3.2. Wildlife Features

Installation of a bat box on an elevation facing south or east, at least 3m above ground.

Installation of 2 new bird nesting boxes suitable for local species, such as blue tits or sparrows.

Provide a hedgehog highway by ensuring gaps (13cm x 13cm) in fences to allow movement.

Installation of a small log pile or bug hotel to encourage invertebrates, which serve as a food source for birds and mammals.

### 3.3. Habitat Protection

The applicant will avoid the use of pesticides and herbicides to protect pollinators and other beneficial insects.

#### 4. Monitoring and Maintenance

The introduced features will be maintained to ensure their long-term effectiveness, including regular checks of bird and bat boxes, pruning of planting areas, and ensuring the hedgehog highway remains accessible.

#### 5. Conclusion

These measures will contribute to a 10% net biodiversity gain on the site, supporting local wildlife and aligning with Arun District Council environmental objectives. The enhancements will ensure that the development positively contributes to ecological sustainability while providing a pleasant natural environment for residents.