

Biodiversity Enhancement Statement for 10 A'Becket's Avenue, Aldwick.

Introduction

This plot contains a detached property constructed in the early twentieth century with established mature planted front and rear gardens containing mature trees, mixed border of shrubs and perennials with grassed and paved areas.

This minor development is a domestic extension where building work is restricted to the east side of the property in the rear garden which has partially been built upon previously.

Existing Site Conditions

The gardens are well maintained in an informal but neat manner. There is currently no known presence of protected species or designated ecological features on site. However, the eastern boundary of the rear garden has a grass drainage ditch surrounded by large mature oak trees which is well maintained.

Proposed Enhancements

To support local biodiversity and provide a net gain, the following measures are proposed as part of the Development including remodelling of the rear garden:

Nesting Opportunities

Installation of bird nesting boxes (suitable for species such as blue tits, sparrows, or robins) on suitable building elevations or trees.

Pollinator Support

Introduction of pollinator-friendly planting in borders and garden areas, including native and nectar-rich species such as lavender, foxglove, and verbena.

Habitat Creation

Inclusion of a log pile or insect hotel in a sheltered corner of the garden to support invertebrates and small wildlife such as hedgehogs. Allow the area around the drainage ditch to regenerate with careful management into a wild area with nettles and other native plants.

Retention of current planting

Throughout construction mature plants will be moved and replanted as necessary and existing planted areas protected including grassed areas to prevent soil compaction.

Conclusion

Although the proposed development is minor in scale, these simple, low-impact biodiversity measures will contribute positively to the ecological value of the site and hope to support local wildlife.