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Project: 1 St Peters Close

Description: Erection of a single-storey rear extension replacing an existing conservatory, with a new set of bi-fold doors to the rear, rectangular window to the south east side elevation and three velux windows in the rear pitched roof.

Title: **Biodiversity Enhancement Statement**

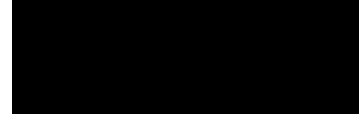
This statement supports a householder planning application for a single-storey rear extension, replacing and slightly enlarging an existing conservatory. It demonstrates how the proposal complies with Arun Local Plan Policy ENV DM5, which requires development to protect existing habitats and seek opportunities to achieve biodiversity net gain.

Site & Existing Ecological Value

The site comprises a typical residential garden within an established urban area, including:

- Areas of hardstanding (conservatory/patio)
- Managed lawn and small-scale ornamental planting

The ecological value is considered low, typical of domestic curtilage, with general habitat potential for common birds, invertebrates and pollinators. No designated sites or priority habitats are present.



Impact of Development

The proposal will:

- Replace an existing built structure
- Result in negligible loss of low-value habitat
- Retain the majority of the garden and vegetated areas
- Overall ecological impact is minor

Biodiversity Enhancement Measures

Proportionate enhancements will be delivered in line with Policy ENV DM5 to provide a net positive outcome:

- Retention of existing vegetation where practicable
- Installation of 1 bird nesting box in a suitable location
- Provision of insect habitat (e.g. bee brick or bug hotel)
- Introduction of pollinator-friendly planting within the garden

Conclusion

The proposal is small-scale and located within a low ecological value residential garden. It avoids harm to important habitats, retains existing green space and incorporates simple, effective biodiversity enhancements.