

11th January 2021

**Update of Planning Condition 15: West End Nursery, Roundstone Lane, Angmering, West Sussex –
V2 Update: confirmation of provisions agreed with houseowners**

1. This note provides an update of *West End Nursery, Roundstone Lane, Angmering, West Sussex, Ecological Enhancement Scheme (Planning Condition 15) (Ethos, June 2016)*. The ecological report was prepared specifically to address planning condition 15 which included the installation of bird and bat boxes to be installed throughout the site. Figure 2 of the report detailed the provision of eight bat boxes and eight bird boxes. These were marked on a plan to be installed onto suitable trees around the periphery habitat of the site and the central green space area.

Figure 1: 2016 Ecological Enhancement Plan

Figure 2 Ecological Enhancement Plan



(figure extract from Ethos 2016 report).

2. The purpose of this note is to provide an update plan to show the revised locations of the bird and bat boxes and details of the specifications of the provisions installed.
3. The positions of provisions recommended in the 2016 report were all to be located on trees within the boundary buffer habitats. When it came to installing the bird and bat boxes this year it became apparent that there were no suitable trees to accommodate the provisions. The new landscaping habitat was too immature to support the boxes.
4. Ethos Environmental Planning was contacted and advice sought on resolving the matter. It has been recommended to install the bird and bat boxes on houses. Permission was sought from the house owners in 2020, in particular focusing on those properties location in proximity to the boundary buffer habitats and the central park open space. A letter with update plan was issued on 18th November 2020.
5. Due to some discrepancies with the plots marked on the plan in the letter issued on 18th November 2020 and homeowners, following a request from the LPA residents have been contacted again to re-confirm the agreement for the installation of provisions on their property.
6. The residents that have agreed to have bat and/or bat boxes installed are listed in Table 1 via plot number and corresponding address. This is shown illustratively in Figure 2. A total of 8 bat boxes and 9 bird boxes will be installed.

Table 1: Confirmed plot locations of bird and bat box provisions

Plot No.	Property colour/ Location on Figure 2	Address	Confirmed Provisions	
			Bat Box	Bird Box
5	Yellow – north boundary (west)	11 Thyme Place	✓	✓
9	Pink – north boundary (west)	3 Thyme Place		✓
20	Orange – west of centre	23 Hornbeam Avenue	✓	
49	Yellow – west boundary	3 Verbena Drive	✓	✓
70	Orange – south of central park	26 Cresswell Square	✓	✓
225	Brown – southeast corner	31 Viburnum Chase	✓	✓
238	Pink – east boundary	27 Acacia Crescent		✓
240	Brown – east boundary	23 Acacia Crescent	✓	✓
255	Green – east of central park, south of play area	17 Chervil Mead	✓	

Plot No.	Property colour/ Location on Figure 2	Address	Confirmed Provisions	
			Bat Box	Bird Box
272	Light brown – northeast corner	37 Acacia Crescent	✓	✓
296	Brown – north boundary (east)	5 Elder Way		✓

Figure 2: Updated Ecological Enhancement Plan 2020 – bird and bat box locations_V2 January 2021



7. Advice on the installation was provided to the Site Manager to ensure the provisions were positioned on suitable aspects of the properties. This has been confirmed through communications.
8. The bat boxes are positioned as high as possible near the apex of gable end of the property, facing ideally between southeast to southwest.
9. The bird boxes are position on northly aspects of the properties (northeast to northwest), away from fences, to be out of reach of potential predators (cats); at a minimum height of 2m above ground level.

10. The bird box specifications are provided below. This box was chosen for being light weight for ease of installation on the properties, whilst also having a weatherproof covering for durability. The 32mm entrance hole was chosen to be suitable for a wider variety of bird species, including blue tits, coal tits, marsh tits, house sparrows, great tits and nuthatches.



Specification

- * Materials: Recycled LDPE plastic and FSC Certified OSB
- * Finish: Non-toxic water-based stain and preservative
- * Dimensions: 26cm x 17cm x 17cm (H x W x D)
- * Weight: 1.1kg
- * Fixing: Three concealed keyholes and further fixing hole at base

11. Due to difficulties with obtain Schwegler bat boxes, the specification was changed to Vivara Pro Woodstone bat boxes. These were selected for all 8 boxes, for durability purposes, rather some being the Kent wood bat box. The Vivara Pro boxes are hardwearing and breathable, and the woodstone material provides stable temperatures in the box. The black colour will help with warmth. The box dimensions are: 250mm x 190mm x 165mm, weight 4.5kg.



12. In conclusion, it is considered that the updated locations are suitable to provide nesting and roosting opportunities for bird and bats at the site. They have been confirmed to be positioned in accordance with the recommended aspect/height, as well as being in proximity to boundary habitat for foraging resources.

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