

Biodiversity Enhancement Statement

Application: Garage roof replacement at Elm Lodge, Rectory Lane, BN16 4JU

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This proposal relates to the replacement of the existing garage flat roof with a pitched tiled roof on an existing domestic outbuilding footprint. No extension to the building footprint or removal of existing garden land is proposed.

The proposal seeks to protect and enhance biodiversity on the site through the following measures:

1. Existing garden areas, planting and boundary vegetation surrounding the garage will be retained and protected during the works wherever practicable.
2. Construction works will be limited to the existing garage structure and immediate hardstanding areas to minimise disturbance to surrounding habitats.
3. Any materials and waste arising from the works will be responsibly removed from site and managed appropriately.
4. External lighting will remain minimal and no unnecessary additional lighting is proposed, helping to avoid disturbance to bats and nocturnal wildlife.
5. As a biodiversity enhancement measure, the applicant will install at least one bird box or insect habitat feature within the garden following completion of the works.
6. If any evidence of bats, nesting birds, or other protected species is discovered during works, works will cease and appropriate professional advice will be sought before continuing.

Overall, the proposal is expected to have a neutral to positive impact on biodiversity, with small enhancements delivered through additional habitat features.