

## **BIODIVERSITY ENHANCEMENT STATEMENT**

### **Address:**

43 Elm Grove, Barnham, West Sussex PO22 0HL

### **Development:**

Erection of Front Link Attached Garage and Workshop with Home Office over

### **Site Location:**

The site is not located close to any sites of Special Scientific Interest (SSI).

### **Land Use:**

The site consists of a detached house with large rear garden with a small frontage and a permeable driveway to provide off-road parking (small site frontage and off-street parking is typical of the layout of Elm Grove generally).

There are hedges to both side boundaries. A small area of lawn and small trees exist behind the front boundary fence.

It is proposed that the garage extension will be sited within the large gravel area, replacing parking with garaging. The existing trees to the frontage will be retained, as will the hedges and grassed area at the front of the site. This will mean minimal impact on habitat as a result.

Any damage or loss will be replaced on completion and new planting will be used to soften the impact of the new build on the Street Scene. This would be a mix of native shrubs and perennials to attract pollinators such as bees and butterflies. Species will include lavender, daisy and a wild flower mix.

Bird and bat boxes will be installed to the roof/eaves of this proposed Garage/Workshop to encourage local species.

### **Conclusion:**

The development will not result in a loss to Local Biodiversity that may exist, but which is probably limited due to the type of site frontages along Elm Grove. However, the application seeks to protect and improve the existing on site natural environment by retaining as much of the existing lawn, small trees and vegetation as possible.