

## **Biodiversity Net Gain Statement**

### **15 Elm Grove, Barnham**

#### **Introduction**

An Arun District Council requirement is that all planning applications are accompanied by a Biodiversity Net Gain statement in accordance with Local Plan Policy ENV DM5 and any applicable neighbourhood plan policies.

#### **Site Location**

The site is not located within or close to any Sites of Special Scientific Interest (SSSI). 15 Elm Grove is located within an established residential area.

#### **Land Use**

The site consists of a detached house with sizeable front and rear gardens. The front garden is largely formed from an extensive gravel surfaced parking area, and this is bordered with mature planting.

There is mature hedging to both side boundaries and within other areas to both the front and rear gardens. There is a large lawned area within the rear garden.

It is proposed that a large proportion of the proposed extensions will be on the footprint on the current property, particularly in the area of the existing garage located to the side of the property. The majority of the existing planting on the site will be retained as will the majority of the existing lawn. This will mean there would be minimal adverse impacts on existing habitats.

#### **Commitment to Biodiversity**

We are committed to integrating biodiversity enhancements into our development projects wherever possible to support local wildlife and promote a healthy ecosystem where possible. Our approach involves preserving existing natural features, creating new habitats, and adopting sustainable practices.

#### **Biodiversity Enhancement Measures**

##### **1. Habitat Preservation and Creation**

**Preserve Mature Trees and Shrubs:** Existing mature trees and shrubs on the property will be preserved wherever possible to provide habitat and food sources for local wildlife.

##### **2. Wildlife-Friendly Features**

**Bird Boxes and Feeders:** Bird boxes and feeders will be installed to attract and support local bird populations.

**Hedgehog Box:** A hedgehog box will be located within a suitable location within the rear garden.



### **3. Monitoring and Maintenance:**

Regular Monitoring: Regular monitoring will be conducted of the biodiversity features to ensure they are functioning effectively and providing the intended benefits.

### **Conclusion**

The proposed extensions and alterations at 15 Elm Grove will not only enhance and improve the living space for the occupants but will also contribute to the local environment by supporting biodiversity.

The inclusion of the proposed actions outlined above demonstrates the biodiversity net gain required.

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