

Biodiversity Enhancement Statement

Site Address: 29 Victoria Road, Bognor Regis, PO21 2JE

Proposal: Single-Storey Rear Extension

Drawing Reference: ART/2025/RE29VR/SPLP – Site Plan & Location Plan RE 29VR SPLP.1

This Biodiversity Enhancement Statement has been prepared in support of the planning application for a single-storey rear extension at the above address. The assessment considers the existing site conditions, potential ecological effects, and the suitability of the development in relation to local biodiversity.

1. Existing Site Context

The site is located within a well-established **residential area** along Victoria Road, as shown within the submitted Site Plan and Location Plan RE 29VR SPLP.1

The surrounding environment consists primarily of domestic dwellings and private gardens with limited ecological features.

The existing rear garden contains small-scale ornamental planting but **no mature or semi-mature trees**. The existing conservatory (to be demolished) occupies part of the rear footprint.

2. Assessment of Potential Habitat and Wildlife Use

Absence of Bird-Breeding Features

A site inspection, supported by the submitted plans, confirms that:

- There are **no trees or established vegetation** within the development footprint that could act as **nesting or breeding habitats for birds**.
- The rear boundary contains no significant natural features that would typically support protected species or roosting sites.

Low Impact of Proposed Extension

The proposed extension has a **modest height**, typical of a single-storey structure, and will be positioned entirely within the existing garden area already in domestic use. Given its scale, massing, and location:

- It poses **no risk of overshadowing**, loss of canopy, or disruption to wider habitat corridors.
- It does **not encroach upon any natural habitat** with established ecological value.

Thus, the development is considered **low-impact** with regard to local biodiversity.

3. Biodiversity Enhancement Measures

Although the proposed extension does not result in ecological loss, the applicant will incorporate minor enhancements to align with best practice and the principles of biodiversity net gain. These may include:

- Introduction of wildlife-friendly planting within the garden.
- Incorporation of one small bird box or pollinator-friendly feature if appropriate.

These enhancements are proportionate to the scale and nature of the development.

4. Conclusion

Based on the site's residential setting, the absence of trees or vegetation suitable for bird nesting, and the low-level, small-scale nature of the proposed extension, the following conclusion can be drawn:

The proposed single-storey rear extension will not harm, disturb, or negatively impact the existing on-site natural environment. The development will protect current ecological conditions and, through minor enhancements, can contribute positively to local biodiversity.