

Bognor Regis Cricket and Sports Club

Planning Application: BR/39/26/PL

Replacement of existing 1.8m high wooden fence panels along the perimeter of the sports ground (north and east) with a new 3m high green metal twin bar fence.

Biodiversity Enhancement Statement /

Net Gain for local wildlife

Sustainability & Materials

A standard metal fence often has lower immediate biodiversity value than an aging wooden one which hosts termites and fungi and other pests that can degrade or threaten the integrity of the wooden fencing.

The long-term environment benefits of metal over wood, such as 100% recyclability at the end of its life and the lack of toxic chemical treatments and pesticides like Chromated Copper Arsenate (CCA) used to maintain & treat the timber which can leach into the soil (contamination).

Existing on-site wildlife sites which will be enhanced or unaffected

Hedges: Several species of hedgerows already sited at the sports ground which includes thorns etc to attract and protect bird nesting and insects.

Wildlife areas: Two areas of wild grass/meadows already designated around the sports ground to entice insects such as bees & butterflies etc.

Additional planting of wildflowers is planned for the Spring & Summer to encourage and enhance pollination.

Hedgehog Hole: A designated area already exists at the sports ground to allow the hedgehogs to forage. The existing hole in the metal chain link fence near the tennis courts is maintained / cleared of debris to allow clear passage for the hedgehogs.

Trees: Several species of trees already situated within the surrounding grounds to give protection to birds, squirrels and other wildlife, which will not be affected by this project.

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