

Biodiversity Enhancement Statement

Arun District Council
Planning Application Support Statement

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1. Introduction

This Biodiversity Enhancement Statement has been prepared in support of the accompanying planning application submitted to Arun District Council under Planning Application Reference BR55/26/PL. The purpose of this statement is to demonstrate how the proposed development seeks to protect, maintain, and enhance the existing natural environment on and around the application site.

The proposals have been developed with consideration for existing ecological features and opportunities to deliver biodiversity improvements proportionate to the scale and nature of the development.

This statement is submitted in accordance with the Local Planning Authority validation requirements and is separate from any Biodiversity Net Gain requirements.

2. Existing Site Conditions

The application site currently comprises:

- [Existing dwelling/building/garden/hardstanding/etc.]
- Existing boundary treatments including [hedgerows/fencing/walls/etc.]
- Areas of [grass/lawn/shrubs/trees/planted beds/etc.]
- Existing trees located [within the site/boundary/adjacent land]

The site is not known to contain any designated ecological habitats or protected landscapes. Existing vegetation and landscaping provide limited but valuable habitat opportunities for birds, insects, and small mammals.

Any existing trees and vegetation that can reasonably be retained will be protected during construction works.

3. Protection of Existing Biodiversity

The proposed development has been designed to minimise impacts on the existing natural environment through the following measures:

- Retention of existing trees and established vegetation where practical.

- Protection of retained trees and root protection areas during construction in accordance with BS5837 recommendations.
- Limiting unnecessary clearance of vegetation.
- Sensitive siting and layout of development to reduce disturbance to existing habitats.
- Appropriate management of construction materials and waste to avoid pollution or harm to surrounding habitats.
- External lighting, where installed, to be low-level and directed away from vegetation and boundary habitats where possible.

Should any vegetation removal be required, works will be undertaken outside of the bird nesting season where practicable, or following inspection by a suitably qualified person.

4. Biodiversity Enhancement Measures

The application seeks to provide measurable biodiversity enhancements through the following initiatives:

Landscaping and Planting

- New soft landscaping and planting using native or wildlife-friendly species.
- Additional shrubs, flowering plants, or hedgerow planting to support pollinators and bird species.
- Retention and reinforcement of green boundary treatments where possible.

Habitat Creation

- Installation of bird boxes integrated into buildings or mounted within the site.
- Provision of bat roosting features such as bat boxes where appropriate.
- Creation of insect-friendly habitats through varied planting and reduced areas of hard surfacing where feasible.

Sustainable Site Management

- Use of permeable surfaces where appropriate to support natural drainage.
- Opportunities for rainwater infiltration and reduction of surface water runoff.
- Ongoing maintenance of landscaped areas to encourage long-term habitat value.

5. Trees and Arboricultural Considerations

The site contains trees, or is adjacent to land containing trees, which contribute positively to local visual amenity and biodiversity.

A Tree Survey and Arboricultural Report has been prepared / will be prepared where required to assess the condition, quality, and protection requirements of relevant trees.

The proposed development has been designed to:

- Retain significant trees where feasible.
- Avoid unnecessary impact on root protection areas.
- Protect retained trees during construction works.
- Incorporate replacement planting where necessary.

Any works in proximity to retained trees will be undertaken in accordance with arboricultural best practice.

6. Conclusion

The proposed development has been designed with consideration for the existing natural environment and includes measures to protect retained ecological features while delivering proportionate biodiversity enhancements.

The development will maintain and improve habitat opportunities within the site through sensitive landscaping, retention of vegetation where practical, and the introduction of wildlife-friendly enhancement measures.

It is therefore considered that the proposal accords with local biodiversity objectives and relevant planning validation requirements.

Applicant Declaration

I confirm that the information contained within this Biodiversity Enhancement Statement is accurate to the best of my knowledge.

Signature

Name: _____

Date: _____