

Biodiversity Net Gain Statement

Proposed development at 30, Madeira Avenue, Bognor Regis, PO22 8DB

Description of development:

- Demolition and replacement of garage, with small increase in its area, and creation of habitable space in extension above.
- Also changes to depth of upper first floor front window, and addition of 2 roof windows to existing building.

As the proposal is nearly all on the site of the existing garage, it won't harm the natural environment. The small enlargement of the footprint is on the existing concrete driveway at the front, and an area of barren land (atop footings) at the back.

The gardens are mature, although largely grass with some shrubs and small trees.

There are some species of birds present in the vicinity, helped by the large very mature sycamore trees on an old field boundary to the rear of numbers 28-30. Bats have been observed in longer daylight summer evenings. Foxes are too plentiful, possibly to the detriment of smaller animal species; and their search for food leads to them digging up ground/lawns.

Seagulls particularly perch on the back gable ridge of number 30. And so the additional back gable ridge which would be formed by the development proposal can be expected to provide an additional such perching place.

In the longer term, the development proposal is expected to result in a greater frequency of residence at the property. Which in turn should lead to changes in arrangements to the rear garden, including more: shrubs, climbing plants in general, and fruit bushes/climbers; which should benefit bees/other pollinators, and birds.

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