

Biodiversity Enhancement Statement

Pre-development biodiversity value of the onsite habitat:

There is currently no biodiversity value on the site. The site is not subject to the statutory BNG because the site is 100% sealed and has less than 25 sqm of affected habitat. No destructive or degrading activities can therefore take place to harm any biodiversity.

Proposed Biodiversity Enhancement:

To align with this Policy, the development must therefore have some amount of BNG on site to show there is some gain. For a gain to be achieved in this location, new bird nesting boxes on the building can be incorporated into the proposed scheme. These can be secured by an appropriate planning condition. This improvement, however slight, would lead to an overall gain in biodiversity at the site and will enhance and connect into the larger ecological network around the site.

Given the above the proposed development is therefore in alignment with Policy ENV DM5.