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# BIODIVERSITY ENHANCEMENT STATEMENT - DEVELOPMENT OF A 5M SCREENING WALL TO WESTERN PERIMETER

## 1.0: Overview

- 1.1: The following document is to serve as a Biodiversity Enhancement Statement to support the proposed application for Development of a 5m screening wall to western perimeter at Land At Northwood Farm Yapton Road Climping BN18 0HR, as per the validation requirements of Arun District Council.
- 1.2: This is in relation to Policy ENV DM5 of Arun District Council's adopted Local Plan 2011-2031 (July 2018). The Policy text is outlined in italics and responses in blue below.

## 2.0: Policy ENV DM5 – Development and Biodiversity

- 2.1: *Development schemes shall, in the first instance, seek to achieve a net gain in biodiversity and protect existing habitats on site.*
- 2.2: The development comprises of replacing a pre-existing industrial steel post fence with a taller king post wall with pre-fabricated concrete within an industrial setting. The current habitat of the steel post fence is not expected to contain biodiversity credentials for improvement and represent a notable habitat. With the context of replacement with a king post wall with pre-fabricated concrete the development is not considered to impact on existing habitats onsite.
- 2.3: *They shall also however incorporate elements of biodiversity including green walls, roofs, bat and bird boxes as well as landscape features minimising adverse impacts on existing habitats (whether designated or not).*
- 2.4: As detailed above the development is not expected to impact on existing habitats (designated or not) due to the current habitat of the steel post fence not expecting to contain biodiversity credentials or represent a notable habitat.
- 2.5: *Development schemes shall also be appropriately designed to facilitate the emergency of new habitats through the creation of links between habitat areas and open spaces. Together, these provide a network of green spaces which serve to reconnect isolated sites and facilitate species movement.*

- 2.6: The proposal is does not currently adjoin any neighbouring habitats being located on hardstanding wholly contained within the industrial setting, separated by access roads. The development is not considered appropriate to provide a notable contribution to this.
- 2.7: *Where there is evidence of a protected species on a proposed development site, planning applications shall include a detailed survey of the subject species, with details of measures to be incorporated into the development scheme to avoid loss of the species. This involves consideration of any impacts that will affect the species directly or indirectly, whether within the application site or in an area outside of the site, which may be indirectly affected by the proposals. All surveys shall be carried out at an appropriate time of year and shall be undertake by a qualified and, where appropriate, suitable licensed person.*
- 2.8: To the Applicant's knowledge there is no record of protected species at the proposed development site.
- 2.9: *All developments shall have regard to Natural England's standing advice for protected species.*
- 2.10: Please see answer 2.8 for reference to this.
- 2.11: I trust the above is sufficient to satisfy the requirements of this Biodiversity Enhancement Statement however please let me know if you require any further information.

Kind Regards

**On behalf of Holcim UK Ltd**



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