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Biodiversity Enhancement Statement

5 South View, East Preston, BN16 1PX

This statement has been prepared in support of the proposed internal alterations, loft conversion and associated works at 5 South View, East Preston, BN16 1PX, together with the installation of solar panels and replacement/new windows and doors.

Existing Site Conditions

The application site comprises an existing residential property within an established, entirely residential area. The property is situated within an existing developed setting, with the proposed works largely contained within the existing building.

The site is not considered to contain any significant ecological features or habitats that would be affected by the proposed development.

Protection of Biodiversity

The proposed works are predominantly internal, including the loft conversion and associated alterations, and will therefore have no material impact on the surrounding environment or biodiversity.

The limited external works comprise the installation of solar panels and the replacement or introduction of windows and doors. These works will be undertaken to the existing building and will not require the removal of trees, vegetation or established habitats, nor will they result in any significant ground disturbance.

Accordingly, the proposals will not result in the loss or disturbance of any identified habitat of ecological value.



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Enhancement Measures

Given the nature of the site and the predominantly internal nature of the proposed works, there are limited opportunities for specific biodiversity enhancements. The proposals will, however, retain the existing external areas and landscaping associated with the property.

The installation of solar panels will also provide an environmental benefit through the generation of renewable energy and reduction in reliance on non-renewable energy sources.

Conclusion

The proposed development will have no detrimental effect on biodiversity or the surrounding environment. The works are predominantly internal, with the limited external alterations comprising solar panels and new or replacement windows and doors to the existing residential property.

No trees, vegetation or habitats of ecological value will be removed or adversely affected. The proposals therefore maintain the existing biodiversity value of the site and are considered proportionate to the nature and scale of the development.

