

Biodiversity Enhancement Statement

16 Onslow Drive, Ferring, BN12 5RS

1. Introduction

This Biodiversity Enhancement Statement has been prepared in support of a planning application for a single storey rear infill extension, removal of front porch and alterations to fenestration at 16 Onslow Drive, Ferring.

The statement has been prepared to satisfy Arun District Council's local validation requirements and demonstrates how the proposal seeks to protect and enhance biodiversity on site.

2. Site Description and Existing Ecology

The application site comprises a residential dwelling with a managed rear garden and domestic frontage typical of the surrounding suburban area.

The site contains no statutory or non-statutory ecological designations and no priority habitats. Vegetation is limited to domestic planting, lawn and boundary treatments. No trees, hedgerows or habitats of ecological significance will be removed as part of the proposed works.

Given the nature of the site and scale of development, the baseline ecological value is considered to be low.

3. Impact of the Proposed Development

The proposed development will be contained within the existing residential curtilage.

No loss of habitats of ecological value is proposed. The works are not anticipated to have any adverse impact on protected species or biodiversity interests.

4. Biodiversity Enhancement Measures

In accordance with paragraph 180 of the NPPF, the following proportionate biodiversity enhancements are proposed:

- Installation of at least one integrated bird nesting box within the fabric of the new extension or retained dwelling
- Installation of at least one bat box mounted on a suitable elevation or mature boundary structure
- Retention of existing garden planting where practicable
- Introduction of additional wildlife-friendly planting within the rear garden, such as pollinator-friendly shrubs or flowering plants

These measures will enhance opportunities for nesting, foraging and shelter within the site.

5. Conclusion

The proposal will not result in harm to biodiversity and includes modest, appropriate enhancements proportionate to the scale of development.

The development therefore accords with national and local planning policy objectives relating to biodiversity protection and enhancement.