



BIODIVERSITY ENHANCEMENT STATEMENT

address: 8 Laburnum Close, FERRING

job description: PROPOSED LOFT CONVERSION AND EXTENSIONS

The proposals will include a single storey rear / front extension and a loft conversion to include new dormers to the front and rear elevations.

The new extension will replace a large patio area and a lawn. The lawn is predominantly in the shade and therefore the grass doesn't grow.

The rear garden area is triangular in shape due to the position on a corner plot and includes mature shrubs / trees and a large timber outbuilding. A small cluster of Holm Oaks will be removed on the rear boundary as shown on the plan. The trees at the rear restrict the light to the rear garden and to the neighbours. It is proposed to retain as many Holm oaks as possible to ensure privacy is maintained. However, these will be cut back / thinned by a professional arboriculturist as they are currently overgrown and need attention.

In accordance with Arun Local Plan Policy ENV DM5 we would like to propose the following biodiversity enhancements: -

1. The extension will include a large flat roof. 2 large water butts will be installed with an overflow to the new surface water drainage system.
2. 2No. bird and 1No. bat box will be included within the proposals and positioned in the trees in existing garden.
3. The existing fruit trees in the rear garden will be retained.

4. A new composting container will be positioned in the rear garden.
5. The existing allotment / vegetable garden will be retained and used by the new owners.
6. New planting areas will be included within the proposal. The new areas are to include flowering plants to encourage bees and butterflies. Plants are to include foxgloves, lavender, alliums and salvia.