



Biodiversity Enhancement Statement

Site Address: Mayfield, Florida Road, Worthing, BN12 5PE

In line with our commitment to environmental stewardship, we are pleased to outline our biodiversity enhancement strategy for the proposed development:

1. **Utilisation of Existing Hard Standing:** The newly proposed garage will occur within the region of existing hard standing. We are committed to preserving the back lawn and existing vegetation, ensuring no erosion or loss of green space as part of this scheme.
2. **No Enlargement of Hard Standing Areas:** We are not proposing to enlarge the existing areas of hard standing. This approach minimises our environmental footprint and maintains the current balance of hard and soft landscaping.
3. **Maintaining Surface Water Runoff:** The existing drive is composed of pea shingle, which naturally facilitates surface water runoff. Our proposed scheme will maintain this condition, ensuring there is no detrimental impact on surface water management.
4. **Existing Mature Garden:** The property features a mature garden that already supports a diverse array of flora and fauna. This existing biodiversity is a valuable asset, and we are committed to preserving and enhancing it.
5. **Opportunities for Further Improvement:** As part of a previous proposal, we recognised the potential for further enhancement including the following:
 - a. **Bird Box and Hedgehog Shelters:** We will install a bird box and hedgehog shelters within the garden area to support local wildlife and increase habitat availability.
 - b. **Reinstatement of Water Feature:** The currently redundant water feature will be reinstated, providing a valuable resource for amphibious wildlife and enhancing the ecological diversity within the property.

Through these efforts, we aim to not only maintain but actively enhance the biodiversity of the property, fostering a thriving natural environment for the benefit of both wildlife and the local community.