

BIODIVERSITY ENHANCEMENT STATEMENT

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Change of use of first floor to provide 5no guest bedrooms with ensuites for short term stays, replacement timber pergola, and replacement first floor windows.

at

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1.0 Introduction

This statement has been prepared in accordance with Arun District Council Policy ENV DM5.

2.0 Assessment of the site

The site is located in a built-up urban area of Felpham.

An assessment of the existing habitats is shown in figure 1 below.



Figure 1: Biodiversity Enhancement Strategy

The existing site has significant areas of hard landscaping and a small area of soft landscaping (grass). The site is used as a Public House and currently has low biodiversity.

3.0 Provision

The proposals seek to provide a net gain in biodiversity and protect existing habitats on site. This includes providing new provision by installing x1 bat and x1 bird box on the existing dwelling, and x1 hedgehog house in an existing soft landscaped area.

This aids to create links between adjacent habitat areas such as the two groups of trees located to the east and west of the site.

Bat box

x1 Bat box of a high-quality design, ideally made of Woodcrete/Woodstone, or FSC certified exterior grade plywood with ceramic inserts. The boxes will face between southeast and southwest, at a height of approximately 3m.

Bird box

x1 general-purpose bird box (Schwegler 1B or Vivara Pro Seville or an equivalent design) suitable for species such as blue tits, great tits, house sparrows, and robins, is to be installed in north north-east facing location.

Hedgehog House

x1 solid timber hedgehog nesting box will be installed in a quiet, sheltered part of the site, ideally hidden within dense vegetation or woodland edge, and away from artificial lighting and disturbance. The box should be made from FSC-certified, weatherproof timber and include an internal tunnel or baffle to deter predators, ventilation to prevent condensation, and a removable roof for maintenance.