

Biodiversity Enhancement Statement

13 Berewecke Rd, Bognor,
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1. Introduction

This Biodiversity Enhancement Statement accompanies the planning application for proposed single storey side extension at 13 Bereweke Rd. This statement is intended to demonstrate the existing and preemptive measures taken by the applicant as well as the enhanced measures the applicant is committed to, in supporting biodiversity and ecological enhancement in line with local and national planning policy.

2. Existing Site Conditions

The property is a two storey detached dwelling surrounded by established landscaping including hedges, trees and maintained garden areas. Implementation of the proposed development does not require the removal of any trees, which in itself is minimising the biodiversity impact.

3. Proposed Enhancements

To support local biodiversity and provide a net gain, the following measures are proposed as part of the development:

Nesting Opportunities

Installation of bird nesting boxes (suitable for species such as blue tits, sparrows, or robins) on mature trees.

Pollinator Support

Introduction of pollinator-friendly planting in borders and garden areas, including native and nectar-rich species such as lavender, foxglove, and verbenas.

Habitat Creation

Inclusion of a log pile or insect hotel in a sheltered corner of the garden to support invertebrates and small wildlife. Hedgehog nesting box to be provided on the site.

Hedge and Tree Retention

Retention and minimal disturbance of existing hedges and trees where possible, with routine pruning timed outside of bird nesting seasons.

4. Long-Term Maintenance

All enhancement features will be maintained by the homeowners. Nesting boxes and insect hotels will be inspected annually, and pollinator plants will be maintained as part of regular garden care.

5. Construction Considerations for Biodiversity protection and enhancement

The following measures will be implemented as part of the construction and build process to continue in being sympathetic to and minimising the biodiversity impact of the proposed application where possible and practicable.

Energy Efficient Materials

The extension will be designed in accordance with the latest building regulations ensuring high levels of thermal insulation with low energy use fixtures, fittings and appliances.

Construction Waste

Wherever possible, materials such as hardcore from the demolition of existing buildings (i.e utility, &, outbuildings) to be reused on the construction site.

Water efficiency and recycling

Taps, toilets and fixtures are to be low water consuming where possible.

Energy efficient goods

White goods including fridge/freezers, washing machines, dishwashers and tumble dryers will be efficiently rated under the EU Energy Efficiency Labelling scheme.

Carbon Emissions

Materials and building elements will be responsibly sourced and preference given to local suppliers where practicable, to minimise carbon emissions from delivery of materials.

Heat Retention and lighting

All new windows are to be double - glazed which will significantly reduce noise and improve heat insulation. All habitable rooms have large windows ensuring great levels of natural light reducing the need for artificial lighting and associated energy use.

5. Conclusion

These simple, low-impact biodiversity measures will contribute positively to the ecological value of the site and support local wildlife. These enhancements reflect national guidance on integrating biodiversity into householder developments and demonstrate the applicant's ongoing commitment to sustainability and environmental stewardship.