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Biodiversity Enhancement Statement

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Proposed single-storey rear extension to existing dwelling, adjoining existing rear extension.

1. Introduction

1.1 This Biodiversity Enhancement Statement has been prepared in support of a householder planning application for a modest single-storey rear extension.

1.2 The proposal comprises a small 2.4m x 1.8m extension within an established residential garden.

1.3 A Biodiversity Layout Plan accompanies this statement and identifies the location of proposed enhancement measures.

2. Existing Site Conditions

2.1 The property benefits from a generous rear garden comprising predominantly grassed areas.

2.2 Established boundary hedging and close-boarded fencing are present.

2.3 Several well-established trees are located toward the rear of the garden.

2.4 A composting area is present within the garden.

2.5 The garden provides typical suburban habitat opportunities for birds, invertebrates and small mammals.

3. Impact of the Proposed Development

3.1 The proposed extension has a footprint of approximately 4.3 square metres.

3.2 No trees are proposed for removal.

3.3 Boundary hedging and fencing will remain unaffected.

3.4 The scale of development is minor and will not result in significant habitat loss.

4. Biodiversity Enhancements

4.1 In accordance with national and local planning policy, biodiversity enhancements will be incorporated as part of the development.

4.2 The following measures are identified on the accompanying Biodiversity Enhancement Plan:

- BB1 – Installation of 1 no. bat box (or bat brick) on the rear elevation at eaves level.
- B1 – Installation of 1 no. bird nesting box within the rear garden.
- T1 – Retention of existing mature trees.
- C1 – Retention of existing compost area.
- Retention of predominantly permeable garden areas.

4.3 These measures will provide enhanced nesting and roosting opportunities for local wildlife.

4.4 The enhancements are proportionate to the scale of development.

5. Conclusion

5.1 The proposed development represents a minor extension within an established residential garden.

5.2 No significant habitats will be lost.

5.3 Identified biodiversity enhancements will be delivered as part of the development.

5.4 The proposal accords with national and local biodiversity objectives.