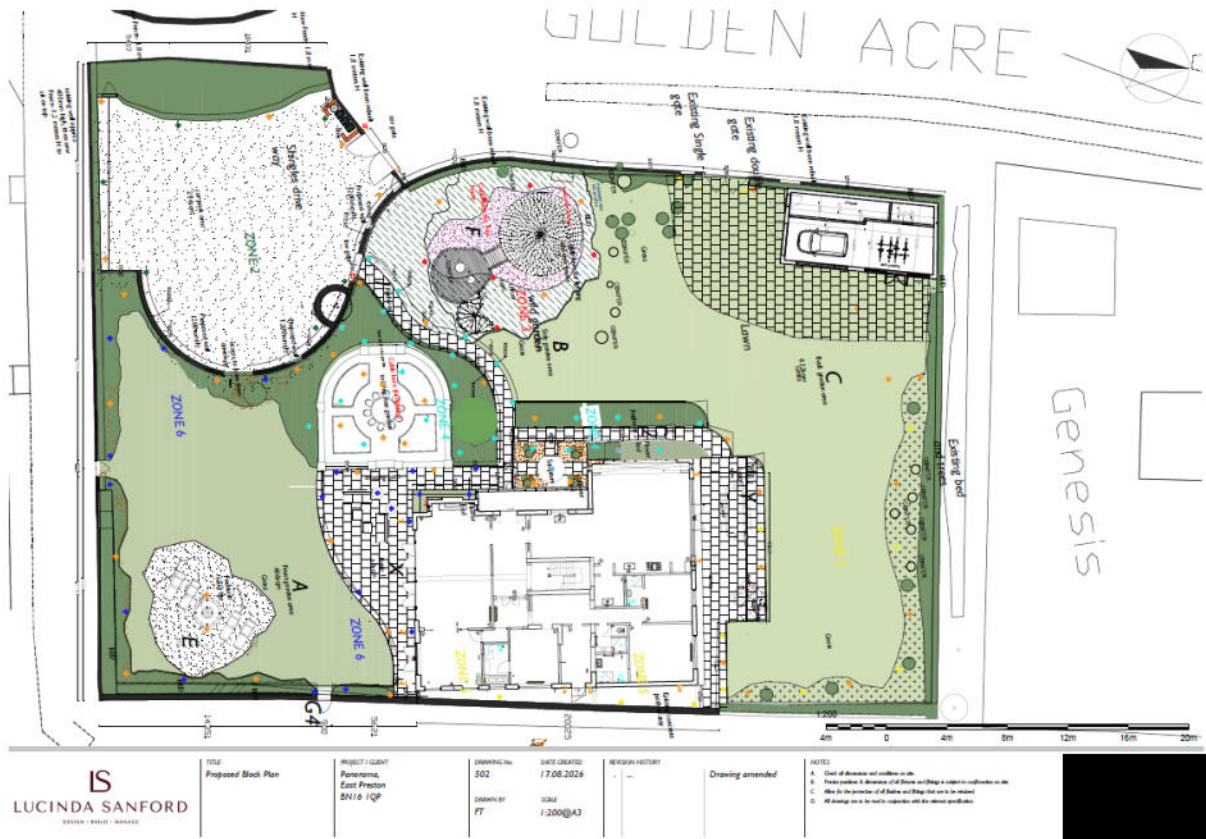


Biodiversity Enhancement Statement

Panorama – East Preston – BN16 1QP – September 2026



Site context

The site is enclosed by a mixture of high fencing, hedgerows, and rendered block walling (approximately 1.8 m high). It includes an extensive, mature garden mainly to the west and north, which is predominantly laid to lawn.

The proposal involves a **new detached garage** in the far north-west corner of the plot, accessed via the existing gate in the western boundary wall. The development will not alter the established character of the area, which consists of individually designed, well-spaced homes in generous plots.

The proposal will not result in any compromise to the existing special character and pattern of the street as properties in the locality are all individually designed substantial homes, in large plots and well-spaced. Many properties in the vicinity have been updated, renovated and extended to modern standards and styles.

Biodiversity Enhancement Measures:

1. Retention of Green Space

The existing garden and lawn areas will be largely retained, with no significant loss of vegetation or reduction in garden space.

2. Porous Driveway Surface

The new driveway will use porous materials to promote natural drainage and reduce surface run-off.

3. Preservation of Existing Vegetation

Mature planting and hedgerows, which already support local wildlife, will be maintained.

4. Wildlife Enhancements

Bird box and **hedgehog shelters** will be installed within the garden to increase nesting and foraging opportunities.

Ongoing Management

The garden will continue to be maintained using wildlife-friendly practices, including minimal use of chemicals and encouragement of native planting where replacements are needed.

Summary

The proposal preserves existing green infrastructure, avoids unnecessary hard surfacing, and introduces simple but effective biodiversity features. Together, these measures will help to maintain and enhance the site's ecological value and align with Arun District Council's biodiversity objectives