

Biodiversity Enhancement Statement

Site Description

1. The development site at Rest Harrow, Gorse Avenue, Kingston Gorse, West Sussex, BN16 1SB and comprises a single residential dwelling, a garage, and a surrounding garden, characterized by typical residential garden features: grass lawn areas, hedges to boundaries, trees, creeping plants, flowering shrubs, a pond.

The site has been assessed for its ecological value and current biodiversity features.

2. Detailed bat survey has been undertaken (copy attached) and no bats were recorded during the emergence surveys.

3. Arboricultural Appraisal has been undertaken (copy attached) comprising of site assessment, development appraisal and Arboricultural Method statement.

Proposed Development

4. The proposed development involves demolition of the existing house and the garage to make way for construction of a new residential dwelling on the existing footprint, as well as the construction of a new garage in the southern corner of the site. Measures will be incorporated to minimize impacts on biodiversity and enhance ecological value in line with local and national biodiversity targets.

5. As the new dwelling will be constructed on the existing footprint, the proposals are unlikely to result in adverse impacts to any designated local wildlife sites and therefore, further assessment under the habitat regulations is not anticipated to be required. All the construction works will be in accordance with recommendations within the Arboricultural Appraisal Report and Bat Survey Report.

6. In proportion to the scale of the development, the following biodiversity enhancement features are proposed:

- Native Planting Scheme: Incorporate native shrubs, trees, and hedgerows to support pollinators, birds, and small mammals.
- Wildflower Meadows: Establish areas of wildflower meadows to attract pollinators and provide a habitat for invertebrates.
- Bat Boxes and Bird Nesting Sites: Install integrated bat boxes and bird nesting features suitable for species identified in the area
- Insect Hotels: Place insect hotels in landscaped areas to support pollinator species.

Conclusion

Once avoidance, mitigation and compensation measures have been taken into account, the impacts of the planned development upon biodiversity will be negligible and non-significant.