

BIODIVERSITY ENHANCEMENT STATEMENT

PROJECT: SUPPORTED LIVING UNIT

LOCATION: STRAWBERRY GROVE

CLIENT: CONSENSUS SUPPORT

OUTLINE BRIEF: CHANGE OF USE FROM A GYM TO
6NO. SUPPORTED LIVING UNITS
EXTERNAL WORKS ONLY

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Biodiversity Enhancement Statement

Introduction

The purpose of this document is to supplement the submitted documentation to accompany the planning application for the external works amendments to approval LU/59/24/PL a change of use application for Strawberry Fields, Courtwick Lane, Littlehampton, West Sussex, BN17 7PD.

It is to be noted that this submission does not affect the approved proposals to the main building and its conversion to 6no. Supported Living Units and existing submissions and supporting documents remain relevant to the approval / proposed.

The proposed submission addresses a formal set of accesses into Strawberry Fields and Courtwick Park including a timber fence boundary between the two buildings to create a separation between the user groups.

The proposal also addresses the parking and garden spaces to the approved with an aim to improve the amenity space for the residents.

Biodiversity Net Gain

As a continuation of the existing approval and a submitted amendment to the previously approved scheme the approved documents note;

In Relation to the Development and Biodiversity, Local Plan Policy ENV DM5 states the following:

Development Schemes shall, in the first instance, seek to achieve a net gain in biodiversity and protect existing habitats on-site. They shall also, however, incorporate elements of biodiversity including green walls, roof, bat and bird boxes as well as landscape features minimizing adverse impacts on existing habitats (whether designated or not). Development schemes shall also be appropriately designed to facilitate the emergence of new habitats through the creation of links between habitat areas and open spaces. Together, these provide a network of green spaces which serves to reconnect isolated sites and facilitate species movement.

In accordance with the Councils Policy ENV DM5, the applicant will seek to protect and enhance the existing habitats on site. As shown on the existing and proposed drawings submitted with the application, the scheme looks to reduce the existing hard landscaped areas and provide additional soft landscaping features by way of rationalizing the site entrance and access areas and formalizing parking arrangements.

Where new parking is proposed a permeable surfacing such as block paving, or permeable asphalt will be proposed to allow drainage of surface water.

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Where practical as the ecology recommendation the scheme will allow for the introduction of wall mounted bat and bird boxes in suitable locations on the existing building. Recommendation, 1 no. Bat box along the South elevation and 1no. Bird box to the North elevation.

To the Southern boundary where there is an existing lawned area it is proposed as per the ecology statement that the area can be planted with Hawthorn, hazel, holly, blackthorn or similar species, along with a relaxed mowing regime and wild flower planting to create a habitat corridor to the south of the site. Refer to the submitted ecology assessment.

Please refer to the separately submitted BNG metric tool, it is proposed to meet the BNG enhancement third party solutions will be agreed over on-site enhancement.