

Chartered Building Surveying & Property Consultancy



Biodiversity Enhancement Statement

For

**White Meadows Primary
School, Littlehampton**

On Behalf of



December 2025

"Delivering Aspirations"



Existing On-Site Natural Environment

White Meadows Primary School comprises a developed educational site with areas of buildings, hardstanding, and managed outdoor spaces, including grassed areas and established landscaping. The existing natural environment within the application site is typical of a school setting and provides limited but valuable habitat for common species such as birds and invertebrates. No priority habitats, protected species, mature trees, hedgerows, or watercourses will be affected by the proposed development.

Protection of the Existing Natural Environment

The proposed installation of an Air Source Heat Pump (ASHP) has been designed to protect the existing on-site natural environment. In particular:

- The ASHP will be installed on an area of existing hardstanding
- No removal of vegetation, trees, or landscaped areas is required
- All existing planting and green spaces within the school grounds will be retained
- Installation works will be localised, temporary, and carefully managed to avoid damage to surrounding planted areas
- Where relevant, works will avoid disturbance during the bird nesting season or vegetation will be checked prior to works

As a result, the proposal will not result in harm to existing habitats or wildlife.

Biodiversity Enhancement Measures

Although the development is minor in scale, opportunities to enhance biodiversity within the school grounds have been identified. These include:

- The introduction or reinforcement of pollinator-friendly and native planting within existing landscaped areas of the school site
- Provision of biodiversity features, such as bird nesting boxes or insect habitats, within appropriate locations on the school grounds
- Ongoing management of grassed and planted areas in a wildlife-sensitive manner, where practicable

These measures will improve habitat diversity and support local wildlife, while also providing educational value for pupils.

Conclusion

The proposed ASHP installation at White Meadows Primary School will protect the existing on-site natural environment and deliver proportionate biodiversity enhancements appropriate to the scale and nature of the development. The proposal therefore meets the local validation requirements of Littlehampton Town Council and supports wider sustainability objectives.