

## **Biodiversity Enhancement Statement**

The development proposal for a proposed 3-bedroom self-build house utilising a large side garden of 7 Roman Acre has been considered with due regard for protecting and improving the existing on-site natural environment.

The existing site has very little of biodiversity interest, with limited boundary hedgerow. Some of the existing site is covered with concrete, a car port and an outbuilding.

The development proposal will have several areas for the planting of species rich native vegetation;

- The existing hedgerow on the northern boundary will be cut into shape as a boundary feature, and supplemented with additional planting to the north-west where the hedgerow is sporadic.
- The existing hedgerow to the north-east boundary will be cut back to provide the new driveway.
- A new area of species rich planting will be provided to the side of 7 Roman Acre. This will include two trees.
- A new area of species rich planting will be provided to the east (front) of the proposed dwelling. This will include three trees.
- A new area of species rich planting will be provided to the west (rear) of the proposed dwelling within the rear garden. This will include two trees.
- The remainder of the garden area is to be laid to grass or patio.

As such, the development proposal will improve the existing on-site natural environment and provide opportunities for the enhancement of ecology and biodiversity.

