

Biodiversity Enhancement Statement

17 Fairhaven Gardens, Wick, Littlehampton

1. Introduction

This statement has been prepared in support of a householder planning application for the erection of a single-storey side garage at 17 Fairhaven Gardens, Wick, Littlehampton.

The proposal relates to a residential property within an established suburban area. The works are limited to the side of the dwelling and do not involve the removal of trees, hedgerows, or ecologically significant habitats.

This statement addresses how the proposal protects and maintains the existing on-site natural environment in accordance with Arun District Council's local validation requirements.

2. Existing Site Conditions

The application site comprises:

- An existing residential dwelling
- Maintained domestic garden areas
- Hardstanding and typical residential boundary treatments

The area affected by the proposal is domestic land of limited ecological value the majority of the footprint is already hardstanding. There are no ponds, mature trees, protected habitats, or designated ecological sites within the development footprint.

No tree removal or significant vegetation clearance is proposed.

3. Protection of Existing Biodiversity

The development has been designed to:

- Avoid removal of any trees or established hedgerows
- Avoid disturbance to neighbouring vegetation
- Retain existing boundary treatments where possible

Construction works will be limited in scale and duration, minimising temporary disturbance to the surrounding environment.

4. Conclusion

The proposal is modest in scale and located within a domestic garden area of limited ecological value. No important habitats will be lost, and no protected features will be affected.

The development therefore protects the existing natural environment and satisfies Arun District Council's biodiversity validation requirements for householder development.