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Biodiversity Enhancement Statement

The Bear Free House, Littlehampton

This statement has been prepared in support of the proposed external seating area at The Bear Free House, Littlehampton, in response to local validation requirements.

Existing Site Conditions

The application site comprises an area of existing hardstanding public footpath within a built-up urban environment. It contains no vegetation, trees, or habitats of ecological value and is subject to regular pedestrian use. The baseline biodiversity value of the site is therefore negligible.

Protection of Biodiversity

The proposal will not result in the loss of any habitats or ecological features. No excavation, structural development, or changes likely to affect wildlife are proposed. The development retains the existing site conditions and will not adversely impact biodiversity.

Enhancement Measures

Given the constrained and fully hard-surfaced nature of the site, opportunities for ecological enhancement are limited. However, the proposal represents a low-impact form of development and maintains the existing environmental baseline without harm.

Conclusion

The development will have no adverse impact on biodiversity and is consistent with policy objectives to protect the natural environment. Proportionate to the nature of the site, the proposal maintains existing conditions and does not diminish ecological value.