BIODIVERSITY ENHANCEMENT STATEMENT

Householder planning application
24 West Drive, Middleton-On-Sea. PO22 7TS

Proposal

Extension to useable first-floor decking area with replacement access staircase and balustrading.

Existing site

The current site consists of a residential dwelling with external balcony space on a large plot accessed via a private road.

The proposal is an enlargement of an existing balcony space on the front of the house and much of the structure is already insitu, with only a small roof extension needed to the front.

The existing spiral staircase is to be replaced with a more conventional straight staircase for safe access to the deck.

Proposed enhancements (Net gain)

The area to be extended is linked with an existing flat roof balcony, above the ground floor accommodation, accessed via a spiral staircase (being replaced) via the driveway currently laid with slabs but that will be upgraded in due course.

Therefore, the proposals will have no impact on the existing garden. However, in accordance with the Arun District Council Local Plan and the Environment Act, the following enhancements are proposed as part of the project.

- Planting wildflower mix within the front garden
- Installing a water butt to collect rainwater for use on both the front and rear garden.
- Install a composter in the back garden, as the applicant plans to plant and grow more vegetables.

These measures ensure the development contributes to the local biodiversity network in the Arun District.