



Biodiversity Enhancement Statement – 28/04/2026

Site Address: 19 West Close, Middleton-on-Sea, West Sussex, PO22 6DN

Proposal: Rear Extension, single-storey

The proposals would extend no further into the garden than the existing furthest section of the dwelling, thereby only affecting the existing patio area. The proposed height and mass would not affect any nearby trees and the new foundations required would be dug so as to take into account any roots.

1.0 Purpose and Scope

This statement outlines the measures to be taken at 19 West Close to ensure a net enhancement of biodiversity on-site, supporting local wildlife in line with the National Planning Policy Framework (NPPF) and local planning policies.

2.0 Existing Biodiversity Context

The property consists of a detached dwelling with a large garden. The footprint of the proposed rear extension would cover an existing rear patio, with low ecological value. There are no known protected species habitats or priority habitats (under Section 41 of the NERC Act 2006) directly impacted by the proposal.

3.0 Mitigation Hierarchy

Adverse impacts on biodiversity have been avoided by:

- **Locating the extension** on an existing paved area requiring no pruning, removing or damage to mature trees, hedges, or shrubbery.
- **Minimal footprint** to reduce encroachment on garden space.

4.0 Proposed Biodiversity Enhancements

To deliver enhancement to local biodiversity, the following features will be considered for implementation within the site boundary where practical:

- **Wildlife**
Provision of native wildlife enhancement options such as bird boxes, hedgehog runs etc
- **Native Wildlife-Friendly Planting**
Post-construction, the remaining garden area will be enhanced by planting at least two new native shrubs or climbing plants (e.g., Honeysuckle or Ivy) that provide foraging resources for insects and birds.
The existing garden is large in size and currently contains good planting and lawn. This would be retained to a good level and enhanced where possible to ensure a natural environment.

5.0 Maintenance

The garden would be maintained and protected accordingly during the occupation and use of the property going forward.
