

Biodiversity Enhancement Statement

Proposed Single Storey Conservatory Rebuild

108 Elmer Road

Site Address: 108 Elmer Road, Bognor Regis

Proposal: Demolition and replacement of existing single-storey conservatory on existing concrete footing/base.

Applicant: Mr Richard Smallbone

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1. Introduction

This Biodiversity Enhancement Statement has been prepared in support of a householder planning application for the demolition and replacement of an existing rear conservatory at 108 Elmer Road.

The proposed works comprise the rebuilding of an existing single-storey conservatory extension on the existing footprint and concrete foundation base of an existing glazed rear conservatory. The proposal is minor in scale and located within the curtilage of an existing residential property.

2. Existing Site Conditions

The application site comprises an established residential property with a private rear garden.

The existing conservatory occupies a previously developed area situated on an existing concrete footing/base. The proposed development will replace the existing structure without extending into undeveloped garden areas.

The proposal does not involve the removal of:

- Mature trees;
- Hedgerows;
- Areas of woodland;
- Ponds or watercourses;
- Species-rich grassland; or
- Other significant habitats.

The works are therefore confined to an area of negligible ecological value.

3. Ecological Impact Assessment

Given that the development is restricted to the replacement of an existing conservatory on an existing footprint and foundations, the proposal is considered unlikely to result in any significant adverse impact on biodiversity.

No protected habitats will be affected and the likelihood of protected species being present within the existing conservatory structure is considered very low.

The proposal therefore maintains the overall ecological value of the site.

4. Biodiversity Enhancements

In accordance with the requirements of Section 40 of the Natural Environment and Rural Communities Act 2006 (as strengthened by the Environment Act 2021), the following biodiversity enhancements are proposed:

Bird Nesting Opportunities

Installation of **one integrated or surface-mounted bird nesting box** on the dwelling or within the rear garden.

Pollinator-Friendly Planting

Introduction of native and nectar-rich flowering plants within existing garden beds, such as:

- Lavender
- Verbena
- Foxglove
- Marjoram
- Salvia

These species provide valuable foraging resources for bees, butterflies and other pollinating insects.

Wildlife-Friendly Garden Management

Retention and enhancement of existing garden vegetation, including maintaining areas of planting that provide shelter and foraging opportunities for birds and invertebrates.

5. Conclusion

The proposed replacement conservatory represents a small-scale development within the footprint of an existing structure and on an existing concrete foundation base. No important habitats or ecological features will be affected.

The inclusion of bird nesting provision and pollinator-friendly planting will provide a measurable biodiversity enhancement over and above the existing situation.

Accordingly, the proposal will conserve and enhance biodiversity in accordance with national and local planning policy requirements.

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