

Biodiversity Enhancement Statement

Site: 1 Rose Avenue, Middleton-on-Sea, PO22 7TF

LPA Ref: M/67/25/HH

Applicant/Agent: SDW Design (Scott Wood)

Proposal: Single storey side and rear extension, front porch extension and hip-to-gable loft conversion with front and rear dormers, following demolition of existing rear shed.

1) Baseline (summary)

- Residential plot (C3) comprising dwelling, hardstanding, garden and a small rear shed to be demolished.
- No designated sites within the red line.
- No known **priority habitat** within the works area. Existing garden planting is ornamental with small lawn areas.
- Trees/shrubs to be **retained** unless shown otherwise on the drawings.

2) Avoidance & minimisation during works

- Erect **temporary protective fencing** to any retained trees/shrubs; keep materials and mixing away from RPAs.
- **External lighting** (if any) to be **warm-white (<3000 K), downward-directed**, on timers/PIR, and kept off habitat features to protect bats/invertebrates.
- Any new boundary treatments to include a **130 × 130 mm hedgehog gap** at ground level where feasible.

3) Enhancements to be delivered (post-development)

- **1 × integral swift brick** (e.g., installed flush in masonry on rear/side elevation, ≥5.5 m high, with clear flight lines).
- **1 × integral bat box/brick** on the new gable (north or east aspect), ≥4.0 m high, away from lighting.
- **Pollinator-friendly planting** using nectar-rich, preferably native species in new/renewed borders (peat-free soils/mulch).
- **Permeable surfacing** to any new/renewed external hard areas (see Drainage Statement) to reduce runoff and support planting.
- **Rainwater butt(s)** (≥200 L total) connected to at least one roof downpipe to support garden watering and reduce potable use.

4) Installation, management & retention

- All enhancement features to be **installed prior to first occupation** of the extended accommodation and **retained for 10 years**.
- Planting to be maintained (watering, weeding, replacement like-for-like for failures within first 5 years).
- Lighting settings to be retained as specified.

Conclusion:

The proposals avoid harm to on-site biodiversity and deliver proportionate, permanent **enhancements** suitable for a domestic plot, satisfying the LPA's local validation requirement for a Biodiversity Enhancement Statement.