



**BIODIVERSITY ENHANCEMENT STATEMENT RELATING TO A HOUSEHOLDER PLANNING APPLICATION FOR EXTENSION AND
ALTERATIONS TO FORM A REAR FACING BALCONY AND SLIDING DOORS (PART RETROSPECTIVE)**

AT

NO. 1 ELMER COURT ELMER MIDDLETON-ON-SEA PO22 6JT

Reference: ADC/011/25

December 2025



1.0 INTRODUCTION

- 1.1 It is understood that Arun District Council's Biodiversity Enhancement approach is driven by the Environment Act 2021, and focuses on delivering a net gain in biodiversity for new developments (10% minimum), protecting habitats, and integrating nature recovery into planning.
- 1.2 Key initiatives include habitat creation (such as kelp, wildflowers), tree planting, managing grassland for wildlife, and broader goals to reduce development impact, ensuring development supports nature through tools such as biodiversity net gain (BNG) statements and habitat management plans.
- 1.3 This biodiversity enhancement statement outlines the measures proposed to enhance biodiversity as part of the householder planning application at 1 Elmer Court, Elmer, Middleton-on-Sea PO22 6JT.
- 1.4 It is our submission that the proposal is in full accordance with the requirements of Arun District Council's policies on biodiversity and the National Planning Policy Framework (NPPF), which seek to achieve net gains for nature.
- 1.5 However, it should be noted that as the proposal is a householder application, there is **no requirement under the auspices of the NPPF to demonstrate a biodiversity net gain** at the site.



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2.0 EXISTING SITE FEATURES

- 2.1 The application site currently comprises a garden with lawn, shrubs, and hardstanding areas.
- 2.2 A preliminary assessment of the site indicates limited existing wildlife, such as birds, insects, and native plants and shrubs.



3.0 PROPOSED ENHANCEMENTS

- 3.1 The following biodiversity measures will be implemented to improve habitats for local wildlife.

Planting and Landscaping

- 3.2 To include a new area of native flowering plants and shrubs to provide nectar sources for pollinators – i.e. birds, insects etc.

Wildlife Features

- 3.3 Installation of a bat boxes on the application property, at least 3 metres above the ground-level
- 3.4 Installation of new bird nesting boxes suitable for local species, such as tits (bluetits, coal-tits, great-tits etc), sparrows (house-sparrows and tree-sparrows), finches etc.
- 3.5 Installation of a small log-pile or 'bug hotel' to encourage invertebrates, which both pollenate and serve as a food source for birds and mammals.

Habitat Protection

- 3.6 The applicants will continue to avoid the use of pesticides and herbicides to protect pollinating insects etc and other beneficial animals.



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4.0 MONITORING AND MAINTENANCE

- 4.1 The planning and features introduced by virtue of this application will be checked and maintained to ensure their long-term effectiveness.



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5.0 CONCLUSION

- 5.1 The proposed measures will contribute to a 10% net biodiversity gain on the site, supporting and enhancing local wildlife and fully accord with Arun District Council's environmental enhancement objectives.
- 5.2 The enhancements will ensure that the development positively contributes to ecological sustainability while providing a pleasant natural environment for the applicants and their family.
- 5.3 At this point we would reiterate what has been previously set out within the planning policy, design and access statement in that the applicants would be happy to comply with a reasonably worded condition in regard to increasing the intrinsic wildlife value of the site and we also reiterate that as a householder application, there is **no requirement under the auspices of the NPPF to demonstrate a biodiversity net gain** at the site.

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