

Client: Reynolds Limited

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1. Introduction

Pagham United Reformed Church is located on Pagham Road, adjacent to Church Way in Pagham. The site is currently in use as a Place of Worship and comprises the main church building and bungalow to the rear together with associated hardstanding used for vehicle parking and pedestrian access.

Due to the established use of the site, the external surfaces and grounds are made up mainly of maintained grass areas and tarmac hardstanding. Vegetation on site is fairly limited, with a small number of established trees to the front of the site and hedging to the left side of the plot.

2. Assessment of Existing Biodiversity

The site is relatively small in size, and predominantly occupied by maintained grass and tarmac paving associated with the church operations. The existing biodiversity value of the site is therefore considered to be low, with limited opportunity for wildlife sheltering, nesting or foraging. Existing vegetation and any planted areas on site, including established trees, will be retained as part of the proposals.

3. Biodiversity Considerations and Improvements

The proposals relate to the continued use and improvement of the existing structures on site and will not result in any material alterations to the structure. Existing vegetation will be maintained and protected during any associated works where necessary.

Given the nature of the site and predominance of hardstanding and maintained grass, opportunity for additional landscaping and ecological enhancement is somewhat limited. However, additional enrichments and protection of Biodiversity on site will include elements to shelter birds by the use of bird boxes. This will promote native species to find a home and consequently assist in a population increase. Bird boxes will be installed on any established trees that are planted on site.

The development will therefore avoid adverse impacts on existing ecological features and maintain the established character of the site and surrounding area.

4. Conclusion

It is considered that the development will not only protect the existing biodiversity, but will notably enhance the ecosystems, wildlife and aim to work towards the outlined policies within the Arun District Design Guide section 2E.

Appendix



Photo 1.1



Photo 1.2