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Biodiversity Enhancement Statement

Site Address: 51 Pigeonhouse Lane
Rustington
BN16 2BG

Proposal:

Erection of a single-storey side extension.

This statement has been prepared in support of the above application and addresses the Local Planning Authority's requirement for information relating to biodiversity.

The proposal comprises the erection of a single-storey side extension to the existing dwelling. The works are modest in scale and are contained entirely within the established residential curtilage of the property.

The site is an existing residential dwelling located within a built-up residential area. The proposed development will be constructed on land currently forming part of the domestic garden and does not involve the removal of any significant habitat features, mature trees, hedgerows or other established vegetation of ecological value.

The development has been designed to minimise any potential impact on biodiversity by:

- Retaining existing trees, hedgerows and established planting wherever possible.
- Restricting works to the existing residential curtilage and previously developed garden areas.
- Avoiding unnecessary disturbance to retained vegetation during construction.
- Ensuring compliance with relevant wildlife legislation, including appropriate precautions in relation to nesting birds and other protected species where applicable.

Given the limited scale and nature of the proposal, together with the absence of any significant habitat loss, the development is not expected to have any adverse impact on biodiversity. Existing garden areas and landscaping will be largely retained, maintaining the ecological value of the site.

The proposal therefore seeks to protect the existing natural environment while enabling a modest extension to improve the functionality of the existing dwelling. As a biodiversity enhancement measure, the applicant is willing to incorporate features such as a bird nesting box or bat roosting box within the completed development, together with the use of native planting within the garden where appropriate, providing a small but measurable enhancement for local wildlife.

