

BIODIVERSITY ENHANCEMENT STATEMENT

Address:

Rossida, Stonefields, Rustington. BN16 3BY

Development:

Hip to gable roof extension to facilitate loft conversion with rear dormer and front and rear rooflights with ground floor posts to support extension.

Site Location:

The site is not located close to any sites of Special Scientific Interest (SSI).

Land Use:

The site consists of a detached bungalow with a medium size rear garden, small site frontage with off-street parking.

There are 1.8m close-boarded fences to the perimeter of the garden which is a mixture of small trees and shrubs and seasonal flora.

The applicant is keen to fully enhance the biodiversity of the site and garden generally.

It is intended to provide a swift box on the east facing elevation (out of direct sunlight).

New shrub planting is intended including Wiegelia and Buddleia to encourage butterflies and bees into the garden.

Additional log/twig piles will be introduced to act as insect hotels.

The minimized small lawn area will be watered by the introduction of rainwater harvesting via 'catchment water butts'.

These actions will be implemented on completion of the extension to minimize disturbance.

Conclusion:

The development will not result in a loss to Local Biodiversity that may exist and with the enhancements will provide a haven for any new wildlife and insects these attract.