

# BIODIVERSITY ENHANCEMENT STATEMENT

34 DOWNVIEW CLOSE, YAPTON, WEST SUSSEX.



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### 1.1. Local Plan Policy ENV DM5 Development and Biodiversity reads:

*Development schemes shall, in the first instance, seek to achieve a net gain in biodiversity and protect existing habitats on site. They shall also however incorporate elements of biodiversity including green walls, roofs, bat and bird boxes as well as landscape features minimising adverse impacts on existing habitats (whether designated or not). Development schemes shall also be appropriately designed to facilitate the emergence of new habitats through the creation of links between habitat areas and open spaces. Together, these provide a network of green spaces which serve to reconnect isolated sites and facilitate species movement.*

*Where there is evidence of a protected species on a proposed development site, planning applications shall include a detailed survey of the subject species, with details of measures to be incorporated into the development scheme to avoid loss of the species. This involves consideration of any impacts that will affect the species directly or indirectly, whether within the application site or in an area outside of the site, which may be indirectly affected by the proposals. All surveys shall be carried out at an appropriate time of year and shall be undertaken by a qualified and, where appropriate, suitably licensed person.*

*All developments shall have regard to Natural England's standing advice for protected species.*

- 1.2. With regards to protecting existing habitats and for the proposals having regard to Natural England's standing advice for protected species, a Preliminary Bat Roost Assessment was carried out as part of the application works. This concluded that the building offers negligible potential to support roosting bats and the proposals represent a negligible impact upon ecology.
- 1.3. The garden habitats present will be unaffected by the proposed works.
- 1.4. At construction stage, all care will be taken to not disturb the garden through the duration of works.
- 1.5. No significant effects are anticipated upon any designated sites, including the Pagham Harbour Sites, Solent Suite of Sites and Singleton and Cocking Tunnels SAC.
- 1.6. With mitigation and enhancements taken into account, the proposals for the building extension will not negatively affect habitats or protected species and will ultimately result in a net gain. This is in accordance with national and local planning policy.
- 1.7. See document **GS574.34DownviewClose.PBRA.v1** for further details.