

Biodiversity Enhancement Statement

Site Address: 37 Briar Close, BN18 0ES

Proposal: Single-storey extension

Local Planning Authority: Arun District Council

This statement has been prepared in support of a householder planning application for a single-storey extension at 37 Briar Close, BN18 0ES.

The proposal relates to an existing dwelling within a residential area. The development is modest in scale and located within the existing domestic curtilage. The works are limited to a small extension and will not result in any significant adverse impact on biodiversity.

The site currently comprises the existing dwelling, hardstanding and managed residential garden. Habitats within the site are typical of a domestic plot and are likely to be of low ecological value, consisting mainly of lawn, ornamental planting, boundary treatments and other garden areas. The majority of the garden will be retained as part of the proposal.

The development has been designed to minimise ecological impact. Any vegetation clearance required to facilitate the works will be undertaken outside the main bird nesting season where reasonably possible. If vegetation must be removed during the nesting season, it will first be checked to ensure that no active nests are present. If an active nest is found, works affecting that area will be delayed until the nest is no longer in use. Any external lighting associated with the extension will be kept to the minimum necessary for safety and security and will be directed downward to avoid unnecessary light spill onto boundary planting and adjacent habitat.

In order to provide a proportionate biodiversity enhancement, the development will include the following measures:

- One bird nesting feature to be installed within the site, such as a bird box or integrated bird brick.
- Wildlife-friendly planting to be incorporated within the retained garden, using nectar-rich and pollinator-friendly species
- My bee hive will be installed once building works are completed
- Boundary permeability for hedgehogs, where practical, by providing a small gap at the base of a fence or boundary treatment.