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BIODIVERSITY ENHANCEMENT STATEMENT REV A

The proposal is to build three new dwelling houses on a skite where until recently there was one single bungalow dwelling.

The purpose of this strategy is to set out a framework for enhancing biodiversity and managing post development habitats within the site. The aim of this strategy is to maintain and enhance the nature conservation value of the site.

The site was domestic garden with border planting interlaced with two mature apple trees.

Limitations and constraints comprise of the relative lack of current ecological features due to historic site stripping.. Ecological enhancements are limited by the current low ecological value of the site with scattered mature bushes as the main features.

Creation of new habitats are likely to be of low value due to the size of the development allowing only very small habitat fragments. Consequently, ecological enhancements are based on species which can disperse easily including bats, birds and invertebrates.

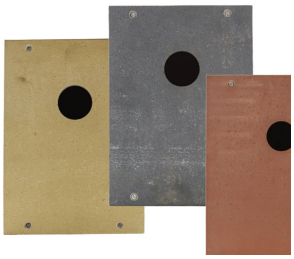
The site is within the Kirklees Bat Alert Zone.

I have shown a Swift nesting box and bat box on drawings approved under **2025/62/93317/E**

The swift nesting box proposed is a surface fixed timber box by the RSPB R421069. The bat box is proposed to be an Arc Wildlife Conservation timber bat box. The starling box is a Ibsctock in built buff coloured concrete unit proposed for the gable ends of each house.


Swift Box


Bat Box


Starling Box

One Invertebrate box is planned (Woodstone multi block) at the southern site boundary to provide over wintering sites for specific species such as lacewings, ladybirds, solitary wasps, bumblebees and red mason bees, which are essential in pollination and pest control roles within many ecosystems. In addition, invertebrate populations provide a food source for LBAP bird and bat species.

The external lighting design will be wall mounted downlights fixed to the house/ garage only. These will not create sky borne light pollution and affect bird life. Moths, bats, etc. Illuminating below the horizontal plane avoids light trespass into the environment. External lighting will be Narrow Spectrum Lights with no UV content warm white LED.

There are numerous natural spaces with the boundary planting and fencing areas to home hedgehogs. The site is not enclosed to hedgehogs.

The boundary fence treatment with hedgehog holes is shown on drawing **1637/02 REV B**. Although solid in design to prevent overlooking from adjacent housing, hedgehog holes can be made at ground level. These can be set at maximum 10m centres to avoid long treks.

The planting to the boundaries will remain. No new planting is planned to the middle section of the site as this is predominantly where the houses and driveway areas will sit.

Maintenance of the existing garden will comprise of maintaining a weed free area to a min diameter of 1m around all bushes and trees through the use of herbicide and weed pulling.

1. Investigate for possible failure of existing tree and bush by inspecting growth rates, followed by remedial actions and replacement. Check tree stability.

2. Inspect for pests, diseases and followed by remedial action.

3. Fertilizer application in April annually.

4. Remove dead wood and encourage balance growth and maintain screening.