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Species Enhancement

46 Greenton Avenue
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This Species Enhancement Statement is prepared by Fern Architect on behalf of the applicant in support of a householder application for a first floor side extension over the existing garage; and a single storey rear extension.

The proposal is a minor development which does not impact a priority habitat and as a householder application, is exempt from national Biodiversity Net Gains requirements.

The site is not located within a Bat Alert area.

It is proposed to incorporate the following features into the scheme:

Bird Nesting Feature

Timber swift nest box to be placed on the external wall of the existing house.

It is suggested that the following PRO UK Rendered Build-In Swift Box product is used, with render over to match brickwork.



The NHBC website description for this product is as follows:

> *"This build-in nest box is designed to be integrated into the cavity of a building, constructed from long-lasting WoodStone and built to match standard UK brick dimensions. Swift boxes should be sited at least 5m high on a non-south-facing wall, with a clear flight path from the entrance. This box is designed to be rendered over, so only the small, raised section around the entrance is visible.*
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> *The WoodStone material is fire-rated to DIN 4102-B2; the ply timber backing is not rated.*

The nest box size is (h)140 x (w)440 x (d)150mm.

The nest box should be located on a non-south facing elevation (avoiding direct sunlight for most of the day); avoiding doors and windows; at least 3m above ground level; and maintaining a clear flight path clear of trees or shrubs.

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