



LAND AT SHELLEY WOODHOUSE

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**BIODIVERSITY ENHANCEMENT
MANAGEMENT PLAN (BEMP)**

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1. INTRODUCTION.

1.1. Kirklees Council have granted outline planning permission for the construction of a residential dwelling at Shelley Woodhouse.

1.2. Condition 12 requires a Biodiversity Enhancement Management Plan (BEMP) to be provided. The condition is as follows:

'A Biodiversity Enhancement Management Plan must be provided to the LPA prior to the commencement of works on-site. It must include the following items that will be installed post development:

- *2no Bird boxes for swifts and house sparrows.*
- *2no bat boxes*
- *Amphibian hibernacula from rubble and logs from works onsite.*
- *A planting scheme should be implemented within the scheme with fruit trees and flowerbeds. Plantings should comprise native species of high biodiversity value.*
- *Small holes within fences (and other mechanisms) for hedgehogs' mobility. '*

1.3. Therefore, Whitcher Wildlife Ltd were commissioned to undertake a Biodiversity Enhancement and Monitoring Plan to satisfy this condition.

2. ON SITE BIODIVERSITY AND ENHANCEMENT MANAGEMENT PLAN DETAIL.

2.1. In order to enhance the site for fauna species post development, the following measures will be implemented.

2.2. One pair of integrated swift boxes will be installed. These will be positioned on a north or east facing wall, at least 5m above the ground, with a clear flight path and no obstructions. Ideal placement is just underneath the eaves. Boxes should be placed at least 50cm apart. Swift boxes should always be installed in pairs as this species breeds in colonies. An example of a suitable box is the Vivara Pro Built-In WoodStone® Swift Box.



2.3. One integrated bird box suitable for species such as sparrows will be installed. This will be positioned on a north or east facing wall, at least 3m above the ground, beneath the eaves of the building. This should be installed at least 50cm away from other bird boxes. An example of a suitable box is the WoodStone® House Sparrow built-in nest box.



2.4. Two integrated bat boxes will be installed. These will be positioned at least 3m above ground with a clear flight path away from obstructions. They will be installed away from artificial lighting and avoiding north facing walls. They will also be placed away from windows and doors where possible to minimise disturbance. An example of a suitable bat box is the Vivara Pro Built-in WoodStone® Bat Box.



2.5. Any logs or vegetation left over from site clearance will be gathered and secured into habitat piles, creating refugia for amphibians, reptiles and small mammals. These should be situated in an undisturbed area of the site. Guides on how to create habitat piles can be found on the Wildlife Trusts and RSPB websites.

2.6. Fruit trees, predominantly wild cherry (*Prunus avium*) and crab apple (*Malus sylvestris*) as these are native species, will be planted alongside other native tree species along the southern and western boundaries of the site. Any flowerbeds and wildflower areas included within garden areas will include native species as dominant to enhance the site for invertebrate and pollinator species. Examples of suitable plants include but are not limited to native cranesbills (*Geranium* spp.), foxglove (*Digitalis purpurea*), primrose (*Primula vulgaris*), poppy (*Papaver rhoeas*), cornflower (*Centaurea cyanus*), champions (*Silene* spp.), cowslip (*Primula veris*), field scabious (*Knautia arvensis*), mallows (*Malva* spp.) and oxeye daisy (*Leucanthemum vulgare*). A suitable seed mix would be EL1 – Flowering Lawn Mix, Emorsgate Seeds. The proposed site plan showing locations of proposed trees is appended to this report.

2.7. To enhance the site for hedgehogs, all perimeters enforced with fencing or walls will contain a 13x13cm gap at the base for hedgehog passage. These will be signposted as hedgehog highways to prevent them from being closed or obstructed.

2.8. The plan below shows where each of the enhancements will be installed. The bat box is indicated in blue, the bird box in green, the swift boxes in yellow and the habitat piles in orange.



3. MONITORING.

No monitoring of these biodiversity enhancements is required.

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