SPECIES ENHANCEMENT STATEMENT

Change of use and conversion of barn to dwelling with associated alterations (within a Conservation Area)

at:

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Introduction & Planning Policy

The world's biodiversity is under threat of extinction due to various factors such as climate change, habitat destruction, and human activities. This species enhancement statement is a proposal aimed at promoting the recovery of threatened or endangered species and improving their chances of survival.

Through this statement, we hope to address the current challenges facing several species and promote their resilience and adaptability to changing environmental conditions.

Within this area of Kirklees, the main species that could be further encouraged are;

- Bats (endangered species)
- Swifts (Classified in the UK as Red under the Birds of Conservation Concern 5: the Red List for Birds (2021).

We propose the following are incorporated into the scheme;

Bird nesting features

A Timber Swift box is to be placed on the north elevation of the converted dwelling. We would suggest the product below produced by the RSPB (available from RSPB online shop).



The description from the website is as below;

'*The RSPB Swift nest box fits directly beneath even the narrowest of eaves, and its sloping roof improves durability and makes it hard for predators to gain purchase.*

Its entry hole measures 28 x 65mm and is designed to keep starlings out, while its internal nest cup will encourage any swift inspecting the box to take up residence. Swifts prefer to occupy nest boxes that contain a nest cup, compared to those without.'

- *Hand crafted in the UK this swift nest box is made from FSC® certified timber.*
- *Overall measurements are 44cm wide, 21.7cm tall (at the back), 12cm tall (at the front) and 20.2cm deep at the deepest point.*
- *Weight is approximately 3.5kg.*

To be located to be sheltered from the wind and out of direct sunlight (normally facing north or west) and ideally, at least 3m above the ground. They should not be placed directly above windows and doors.

Bat roosting Features

A single bat roost box is to be placed on the south elevation of the converted dwelling at high level below the eaves.

We would suggest a product of zero maintenance such as the product below (available from nestbox.co.uk)



Eco Bat Box

- Recycled plastic weatherproof shell to provide long lasting protection.
- UK grown, locally sourced FSC wooden internal roost chamber to crate attractive roosting space for bats .
- Available with two different roost chambers designed for either crevice or cavity roosting bats.
- Self-cleaning design requires no maintenance.
- Improved updated design for 2023

Features should face south or south-east and be positioned 2-7 metres above the ground. The location should not be open to prevailing winds or illuminated by artificial lighting and not be directly above windows and doors.