

Proposals

A number of features are proposed to improve the biodiversity of the site. The features are located in accordance with available guidelines and are shown on the enclosed **Hard and Soft Landscaping Plan**.

Bird boxes

3no. RSPB multi-species nest box tree mounted at 4m above ground level orientated between north and east, to shelter from strong sunlight and wet winds. Locations shall be selected which provide a clear access route to the front of the box. Nylon screw to be used to avoid damage to trees.



3no. Ibstock Swift nest box, integrated in to the brickwork at high level close to eaves level.



2no. Habitat Small Bird Nest Box, integrated in to the brickwork at high level close to eaves.

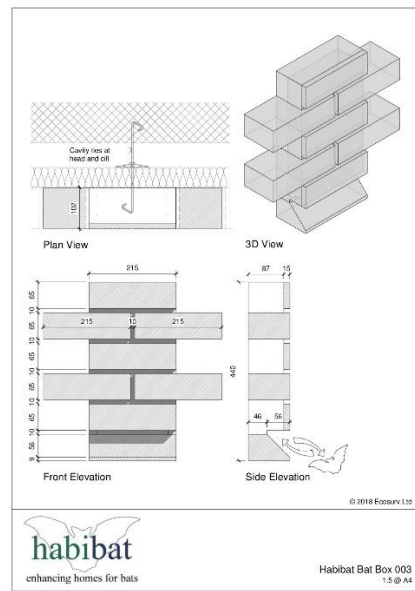


Bat boxes

3no. PEFC Cedar single chamber bat box (gardennature.co.uk), tree mounted on southerly aspect at height of circa 5m above ground.



3no. Habibat bat boxes integrated in to the brickwork at high level close to eaves.



Hedgehog Box

1no. PEFC cedar Hedgehog Home is proposed to provide safe home for hedgehogs over the winter months.



Mammal gaps

Holes will be provided in fences around the site, as shown, which will allow the movement of hedgehogs and other small mammals around the developments green borders. Proprietary hole protectors shall be used to ensure residents are aware of and can maintain these mammal routes.



Wildflower planting

Wildflower seed planting shall be sown to provide feeding for native pollinators such as bees and butterflies. The mixture contents are as follows:

Common Agrimony 1%, Borage 7%, Wild Clary 4%, Red clover 3%, White clover 1%, Corn cockle 8%, Cornflower 6%, Ox-eye daisy 5%, Wild Foxglove 3%, Common Knapweed 6%, Greater Knapweed 5%, Purple loosestrife 1%, Wild Marjoram 1%, Meadow Cranesbil 1%, Musk mallow 5%, Common Poppy 5%, Ragged robin 2%, Sainfoin 7%, Field Scabious 7%, Small Scabious 3%, Teasel 1%, Bird's-foot trefoil 2%, Kidney vetch 2%, Viper's bugloss 2%, Yarrow 5%, Yellow Rattle 7%.

Sown at a rate of 3g/sqm.

Summary

With the measures proposed, opportunities have been taken around the site to markedly improve the biodiversity of the area and better help wildlife integrate with the new development. It is recommended Condition 11 is discharged.

Ecological Enhancements Plan

