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Abbey Square
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RG1 3BE

Your ref:
Our ref: 1610/b1sb/100626

10 June 2026

FOR THE ATTENTION OF: BHAMINI PATGIRI

Dear Bhamini,

RE: VILLAGE HOTEL, READING, RG1 8BD – ECOLOGICAL ENHANCEMENTS

Background

Planning consent was granted by Reading Borough Council (planning reference PL/25/0759) in 2025 for the following works at the Crowne Plaza Hotel in Reading: *A single storey, flat roof extension at the ground floor level to the front of existing hotel to create extension to fitness suite Health & Wellness Club and replacement of canopy over to main entrance and associated landscaping and parking.*

The consent was granted subject to condition 11, which is as follows:

11. The development hereby permitted shall not be first occupied until the proposed and agreed biodiversity enhancements, which include a minimum of one integrated bird box and one integrated bat box have been installed and a letter to be provided by a suitably qualified ecologist with photos of the facilities in situ for approval by the Local Planning Authority.

REASON: To incorporate biodiversity in and around developments in accordance with Policy EN12 of the Reading Borough Local Plan 2019.

In accordance with the requirements of the condition, an integrated bat and bird boxes have been installed on the eastern side of the building as detailed in Appendix 2 of the Landscape and Ecological Enhancement Plan (LEMP) required by planning condition 10.

Site inspection

The boxes (Schwegler 1SP Sparrow Terrace and Schwegler 1FR Bat Tube) were inspected by John Wenman on June 9th 2026. The boxes were correctly integrated into the wall as illustrated in photographs 1 -3 below.



1. *Location of installed bat and bird boxes*



2. *Installed Schwegler 1SP Sparrow Terrace*



3. *Installed Schwegler 1FR Bat Tube*

Conclusion

The bat and bird boxes have been correctly installed as specified in Appendix 2 of the LEMP and integrated in accordance with the requirements of Condition 11.

Yours sincerely

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