151A Old Road Chesterfield Derbyshire S40 3QL

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PROPOSED ERECTION OF A FRONT PROCH AND REMOVAL OF EXISTING TILE CLADDING TO FRONT AND REPLACEMENT WITH BRICK AT 151 A OLD ROAD, CHESTERFIELD, S40 3QL.

In accordance with Condition 3 of the granted planning permission received (dated the 13th of October 2020) the information below provides details of a biodiversity net gain proposal for consideration and approval by the planning authority.

The remaining tile clad area following the construction of the porch as detailed on the drawing (Proposed Elevations) covers approximately 6m2. In this area the cavity between the two layers of brickwork is reduced allowing for existing timber battens and tiles to be fixed. In this area the depth of the outer layer of brick is set back from the brick work below, up to the top of ground floor window The proposal is that the tiles are replaced with brick slips using an appropriate brick slip system (cement board backing or similar). The bricks to be used are modern but imperial in size and similar in colour and design to match the current brickwork.

It is proposed that during the construction of the new brick slip facia, bee bricks are incorporated into the current outer leaf of the front fascia of the house once the tile cladding has been removed. This will be achieved by removing the existing outer leaf brick, in the locations specified on the Existing Elevation and Proposed elevation diagrams provided with this response. The bee bricks will then be installed so that the front of the bee brick is level will the new skin of brick slips proposed to be installed.

The bee bricks are available from Green and Blue. Please see link <u>Bee Brick Bee Houses - A great gift</u> for garden lovers & nature lovers (greenandblue.co.uk) and attached photograph. The colour chosen will be yellow as this best matches the current brickwork.



The bee bricks are required to be placed at least at 1 metre above the ground. It is best to incorporate the Bee Bricks in April during the emergence of solitary bees. The bricks can also provide habitat for other invertebrates. It is proposed that 3 bee bricks are installed in total (approx. 1 per 2 m2). I would

welcome the planning authorities view on the number and placement of the bee bricks for a 6 m² area. The bee bricks will be complemented by pollinator friendly plants to the front elevation of the property. There is already beech hedging to the rear of the property to provide vegetation for the leafcutter bees and plants targeted for mason bees will be provided. All vegetation will be located within the 100 metres radius of the property as per guidance, so that there is best chance to allow the solitary bees to reside in the bee bricks.

If you have any questions or queries please do not hesitate to contact me.

Kind Regards

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