

## **Biodiversity Survey and Report**

Because the plan is to replace an existing building the development will not negatively impact on the surrounding biodiversity. The proposed extension to the existing footprint of the building only encroaches upon an area of garden planted with shrubs or laid to lawn.

The existing building is water tight and has been used for the past six years as a store and a large rabbit hutch for our pets. The building does not provide a home for any wildlife as is. The sloping asbestos concrete roof does not have any eaves, nor is there any roof space between the roof and the building since the concrete panels rest directly on top of the brickwork, hence there can be no possibility of nesting bats in this building.

We intend to provide at least one bat box either built in to the wall of the replacement dwelling or on retained hedgerow trees. We also intend to provide new bird nesting around the site following development suitable for the birds we typically see in our garden which include swallow, swift and house martin, wren, robin pied wagtail, blue tit, great tit and sparrow. The plum trees which run along the eastern border of the plot are being retained. Any minor vegetation clearance that is necessary will be carried out between September and February to ensure that nesting birds are not disturbed.

In summary we believe the development and our plans to will not negatively impact on the biodiversity of the site.