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RSPB Bug and bee house



Schwegler 1FQ Bat  
Box



RSPB Silhouette  
hedgehog home



### Biodiversity Enhancement Scheme

This scheme is intended to inform the design and to enhance the development for biodiversity with respect to the site's location, the nature of the development, local and national conservation strategies.

Characterised as a minor development the enhancements described are intended to provide a net gain in biodiversity in accordance with national and local planning policy.

Examples of enhancement features have been provided though alternative equivalents may be available which may be better suited to the buildings' design and materials of construction. The features described are considered additional to any features that may be required as mitigation for protected species such as bats.

- ① Planted beds (c. 143m<sup>2</sup>) comprising native shrubs and ground covering herbaceous plants. Wherever possible, the planting scheme should incorporate native and locally prevalent nectar, fruit and berry bearing species. Refer to Appendix 6 of the ecology report for a list of suitable species that would enhance ecological connectivity around the site and provide foraging and refuge opportunities for birds, small mammals and other wildlife.
- ② A Hedgehog House will be located with a sheltered position close to the site's shared boundary with the cemetery local wildlife site.
- ③ Two Schwegler 1SP Sparrow Terraces will be surface mounted onto the northern wall of the staff building. These will be installed together under the building's soffit in a shaded location, protected from the prevailing wind. House sparrow are a national priority species.
- ④ A hive or bug hotel can be introduced within a planted boarder to provide shelter and over wintering opportunities for native bees and other invertebrates. Alternatively a loggery comprising decomposing hard wood logs should require minimal intervention. The use of pesticides on or close to these features should be avoided and the wood within the piles will be left to naturally decompose.
- ⑤ Install a Schwegler 1FQ bat box onto the west facing gable end. This bat box is recommended as they require minimal maintenance and have a life expectancy of 25 years. Installed at least 5m of the ground. Inspect annually for presence, damage or obstruction. Any vegetation growth will be managed to prevent obstruction and to maintain a clear flight path to and from the box. Selective pruning of overhanging branches or climbing vegetation will be conducted where and when necessary, using only hand tools. Every effort will be made to avoid disturbing the box. Bat roosts are strictly protected by law and any inspections of the box, including the clearance of bird nesting material, will only be conducted by an appropriately licensed bat worker.



Schwegler 1SP  
Sparrow Terraces

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