

**Key**

**Existing**

- Trees
- Recently planted mixed native hedge

**Proposed**

- Buildings
- Main road
- Parking
- Native trees
- Mixed native trees and shrubs
- Mixed native hedge
- Native mix of shrubs and bulbs
- Lawn
- Wildflower meadow

**Biodiversity Enhancements**  
 This plan complies with the recommendations in Native Ecology Preliminary Ecological Appraisal report dated April 2021.

**Birds:** Bird boxes, including for house sparrow and starlings, could be integrated into the new house. Woodcrete exterior or integrated terrace boxes for house sparrows could be incorporated into the dwelling. Boxes should be located 2-4m in height and arranged so that loose colonies of house sparrows are encouraged. Open fronted woodcrete nest boxes could also be installed on house elevations. Bird boxes should be located close to eaves and on the north or east elevations to avoid direct sunlight.

**Bats:** Integrated bat boxes, such as a 1FR Schwegler Bat Tube, or similar, could be installed on the new building within the Site. Integrated bat boxes should be primarily located on the south and west facing aspects located at least 3m above the ground, but can also be installed on different elevations to provide a variety of different environmental roost conditions. Alternatively, bat access tiles can be incorporated into roof elevations of the new house. Tree mounted bat boxes (Schwegler 2FN, Kent bat box, or similar) could also be installed on a semimature tree within the northeast corner of the Site. The bat boxes should be installed at least 3m up the main stem on a southern facing aspect, with a clear flight path into the box from surrounding branches.

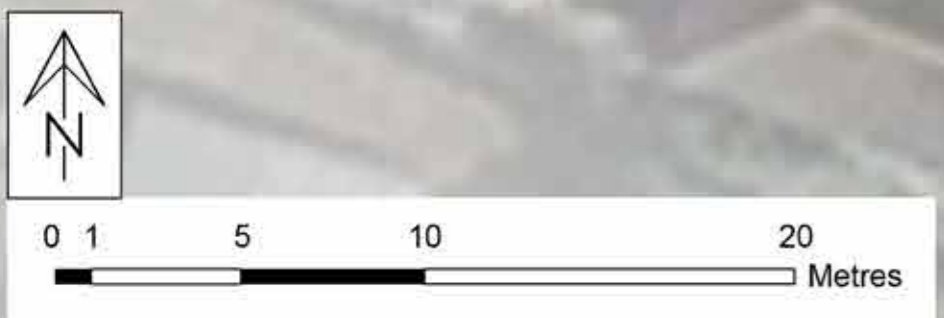
**Hedgerow creation:** Additional native species-rich hedgerows could be created along all Site boundaries. Species could include hazel, blackthorn, hawthorn, spindle, holly, yew, privet, field rose, field maple, dog rose and guelder rose.

**Bee Bricks:** Bee bricks (Green & Blue, or similar), which provide additional nesting opportunities for solitary bee species such as the red mason bee and leaf-cutter bee, could be installed into the fabric of the new building.

Bee bricks should be installed at least 1m from the ground level on a south, or south-eastern elevation. As a general guide, an area equating to 1sq-m of suitable nectar-rich planting should be available for every bee brick installed.

**MBC Character guidelines of Nettlestead:**  
 Plant hedges in double staggered row, at 45cm centres, 30cm between the rows

**Mixed native hedge mix:**  
 Buckthorn 10%  
 Damson 5%  
 Dogwood 5%  
 Hawthorn 70%  
 Hazel 10%



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**PLANNING**

Project: MAIDSTONE ROAD, NETTLESTEAD

Drawing title: Landscape strategy

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