

ERAP (Consultant Ecologists) Ltd ref: 2021-192  
Wyre Council ref: 21/00006/OUT

15<sup>th</sup> October 2021

Dear Richard,

**RE: Condition 7 at 59 Garstang Road West, Poulton-le-Fylde, FY6 8AA**

Further to our recent correspondence I have prepared this letter and the attached plan to outline our recommendations for addressing condition 7 of the planning consent at the above site.

Condition 7 states:

*7. On the submission of the first reserved matters application(s) relating to layout or landscaping, or simultaneously with that first reserved matters application, a Landscape and Habitat Creation and Management Scheme, including a timetable for implementation, shall be submitted to and approved in writing by the Local Planning Authority. The Scheme shall identify the opportunities for biodiversity enhancement on site including (but not limited to):*

- Retention of existing trees where possible;
- Native tree and shrub planting to mitigate for any unavoidable tree removal;
- Bird Boxes; and
- Bat Boxes.

*The Landscape and Habitat Creation and Management Scheme shall be carried out in accordance with the approved details.*

*Reason: Such a scheme was not submitted with the application but is necessary to secure opportunities for the enhancement of the nature conservation value of the site in the interests of ecology and biodiversity in accordance with the Wildlife and Countryside Act 1981, Policy CDMP4 of the Wyre Local Plan (2011-31) and section 15 of the National Planning Policy Framework.*

Summary of landscape and habitat creation and ecological enhancement measures:

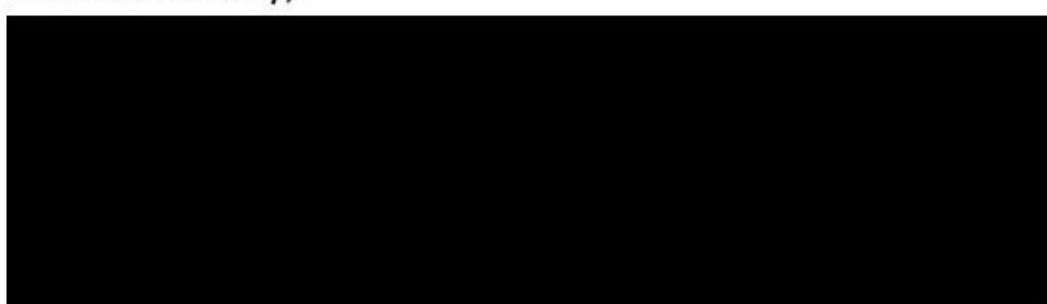
- a. **Retention of the trees and shrubs at the site boundaries:** As informed by the *Arboricultural Impact Assessment* (Arbtech, June 2021) the retention of the trees and shrubs at the site boundaries is accommodated by the site proposals (RT Architecture and Design drawing 21-39-3). It is confirmed that the appropriate tree protection measures in accordance with BS5837:2012 and shown on the *Tree Protection Plan* (Arbtech, June 2021) will be installed;
- b. **Enhancement of habitats for roosting bats:** The new property will be positioned within a residential area and is bordered by the retained trees and shrubs and the vegetation in the neighbouring gardens. These habitats provide opportunities for foraging bats, particularly pipistrelle species. **Figure A**, appended, has been annotated to detail the opportunities for roosting bats to be provided at the new property. The specifications have been selected to maximise chance of uptake. In addition, where feasible the

installation of provisions above windows and doorways, for example, have been avoided to minimise the risk of perceived nuisances as a result of droppings;

- c. **Retention and creation of opportunities for nesting birds:** The retention of the trees and shrubs at the boundaries of the site provides opportunities for nesting birds typically associated with garden habitats such as dunnock (a Priority Species) and blackbird. **Figure A** provides the details of additional provisions for nesting birds to be accommodated at the site. This includes measures for Priority Species including house sparrow;
- d. **Landscape planting to maximise use of native species and plant species known to be of value for wildlife:** **Figure A** provides recommendations of the plants that can be used in the garden habitats to maximise the attraction of wildlife and maintenance of habitat connectivity at the site. The recommendations comprise:
- Trees to provide 'stepping stones' for the movement of wildlife though the site;
  - Use of native hedgerows to enhance habitat connectivity and provide opportunities for nesting and feeding birds; and
  - Use of plants such as *Hebe*, *Ceanothus* and *Lavandula* which are appropriate for the attraction of butterflies.
- e. **Installation of gaps for hedgehog:** As illustrated on **Figure A**, appended, gaps for the movement of wildlife such as hedgehog through and around the site will be accommodated between the plot boundary fences; and
- f. **Long-term management in accordance with conservation objectives:** **Figure A** provides notes on the maintenance and management of the retained and created habitats to maximise benefits for biodiversity.

I trust this information is of assistance. Please contact me if you have any queries.

Yours sincerely,



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**Figure A: Plan to Show Landscape and Habitat Creation and Ecological Enhancement Measures**



**Installation of Opportunities for Use by Nesting Birds:**

**Number:** 2

**Position:** To be installed on suitable trees within the garden curtilage.

**Product Specification:** One open-fronted box (2H Schwegler Robin Box) and one hole access box (3S Schwegler starling Nest Box).

**Installation:** To be installed at a height of at least 2 metres from ground level and away from potential for access by cats. South facing boxes to be avoided to minimise risk of chicks overheating.

**Suppliers:** www.NHBS.com or www.wildcare.co.uk

**Management and Maintenance:** Boxes to be cleared of old nesting material annually in October.

**Illustrations:**



Insert 4: 2H Schwegler Robin Box



Insert 5: 3S Starling Nest Box

**Retention of Trees and Shrubs:**

As informed by the *Arboricultural Impact Assessment* (Arbtech, June 2021) the retention of the trees and shrubs at the site boundaries is accommodated by the site proposals (RT Architecture and Design drawing 21-39-3). It is confirmed that the appropriate tree protection measures in accordance with BS5837:2012 and shown on the *Tree Protection Plan* (Arbtech, June 2021) will be installed.

**Gaps for Hedgehog:**

Three gaps at the base of the fences will allow passage of small mammals, including hedgehog ( a Priority Species) .

The gaps need to be 0.15 metres by 0.15 metres.

**Maintenance:** Gap to be kept clear of obstructions.

**Insert 6:** Gaps for hedgehog (surround not essential).



**Landscape Planting for Attraction of Wildlife:**

Plants selected as part of the garden planting to comprise native species and species known to be of value for the attraction of wildlife.

Suitable plant species are recommended at the following links:

[https://cdn.bats.org.uk/uploads/pdf/Resources/Encouraging\\_Bats.pdf?v=1541085349](https://cdn.bats.org.uk/uploads/pdf/Resources/Encouraging_Bats.pdf?v=1541085349)

<https://www.rhs.org.uk/science/conservation-biodiversity/wildlife/plants-for-pollinators>

**Installation of Opportunities for Use by Roosting Bats:**

**Number:** 2

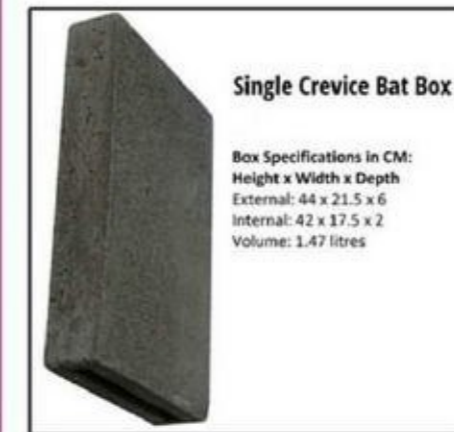
**Position:** One on the eastern and one on the southern elevation. Shown by pink arrow.

**Installation and Specification:** To be installed integral or externally mounted (dependent on the product selected) beneath the eaves. Positions directly above windows and doorways to be avoided to minimise the potential for nuisance as a result of droppings.

**Suppliers:** www.greenwoodsecohabitats.co.uk (external boxes) / www.NHBS.com or www.habibat.co.uk (integral boxes)

**Management and Maintenance:** None required. Box / panel access to be kept clear of obstructions.

**Illustrations:**



Single Crevice Bat Box

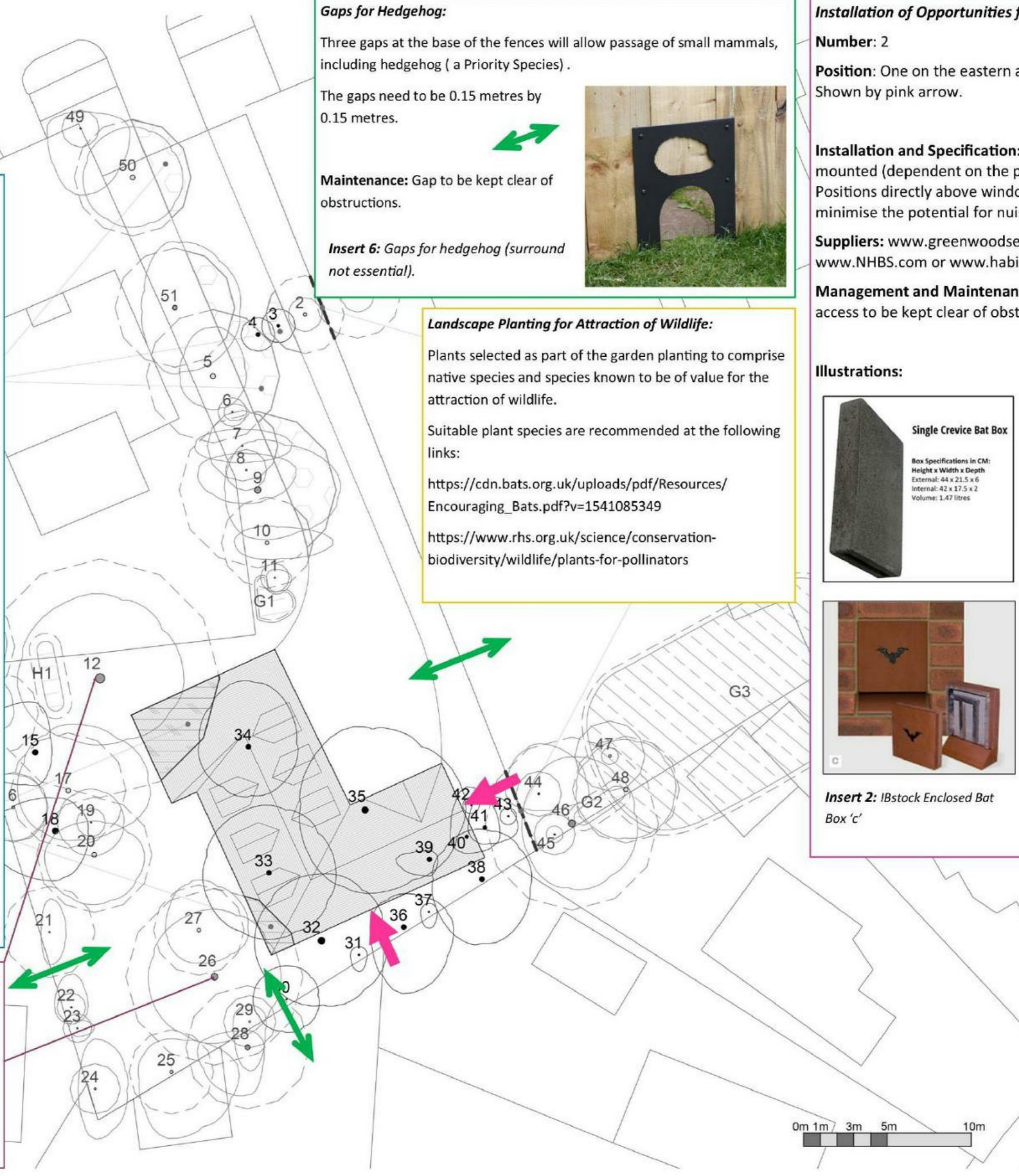
Insert 1: Greenwood's Ecohabitats bat box



Insert 2: IBstock Enclosed Bat Box 'c'



Insert 3: Habibat bat access panel



Plan extracted from Arbtech AIA 01 (Arbtech, June 2021)

<b>Project Name:</b> 59 Garstang Road West, Poulton-le-Fylde		
<b>Title:</b> Plan to Show Landscape and Habitat Creation & Ecological Enhancement		
<b>Scale:</b> See scale bar	<b>Drawing No.:</b> Figure A	<b>Date:</b> October 2021
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