



Biodiversity mitigation / enhancement Statement

21 Ash Grove, Sutton-in-Craven

An application for planning permission has been approved to Craven District Council for the extension of a single detached dwelling.

The Council has asked for additional information with respect to Craven Local Plan Policies ENV4: Biodiversity.

BIODIVERSITY ENHANCEMENT OPPORTUNITIES

The National Planning Policy Framework 2012 requires planning decisions to “enhance the natural environment” and provide “net gains in biodiversity where possible” (Appendix 1). There are a number of biodiversity enhancement opportunities that can be implemented with the proposed development, these include :

- Installation of bird box onto building gable, to include integrated nest box for a range of bird species
- Installation of bat box onto building gable, to include integrated nest box for bats
- External lighting kept to a minimum to create dark corridors which bats fly. Bats are nocturnal animals and have adapted to low light conditions. New lighting should be designed on the basis of the minimum necessary to provide safety or security and should be shrouded or angled downwards and not installed near to bat access points and flight paths.

Statement to be read in conjunction with LARK Architects Biodiversity drawing ref: 1149_07A