

## Details for Approval of Condition 3 (Biodiversity Enhancement Strategy)

### Planning Application UTT/22/2460/FUL - Prows Farm, Marks Hall Lane, White Roding

#### Introduction

Planning Permission (ref UTT/22/2460/FUL) was granted for the Erection of ancillary building for storage of private helicopter, complete with related works including hardstanding and fuel tank. This was subject to details being approved and implemented regarding a Biodiversity Enhancement Strategy as follows:

*PRIOR TO ANY WORKS ABOVE SLAB LEVEL a Biodiversity Enhancement Strategy for protected and Priority species shall be submitted to and approved in writing by the Local Planning Authority. The content of the Biodiversity Enhancement Strategy shall include the following:*

- a) Purpose and conservation objectives for the proposed enhancement measures;*
- b) detailed designs to achieve stated objectives;*
- c) locations of proposed enhancement measures by appropriate maps and plans;*
- d) persons responsible for implementing the enhancement measures;*
- e) details of initial aftercare and long-term maintenance (where relevant).*

*The works shall be implemented in accordance with the approved details prior to occupation and shall be retained in that manner thereafter.*

*Reason: To enhance protected and Priority species & habitats and allow the Local Planning Authority to discharge its duties under the s40 of the NERC Act 2006 (Priority habitats & species).*

Details are herewith submitted for the LPA's approval, pursuant to Condition 3 (subsections a to e inclusive) as follows:

#### a) Purpose/objective

This Strategy has had regard to the recommendations of the Preliminary Ecological Appraisal (PEA) by T4Ecology (final version dated 30 August 2022) submitted with the planning application. It noted that nesting birds and their eggs are protected under the Wildlife & Countryside Act 1981 and accordingly made recommendations for appropriate enhancements via the provision of bird boxes. The Strategy accordingly proposes bird nest boxes to address these conservation objectives which stem from the cited legislation. These proposed measures are considered proportionate.

#### b) & c) Design and Location

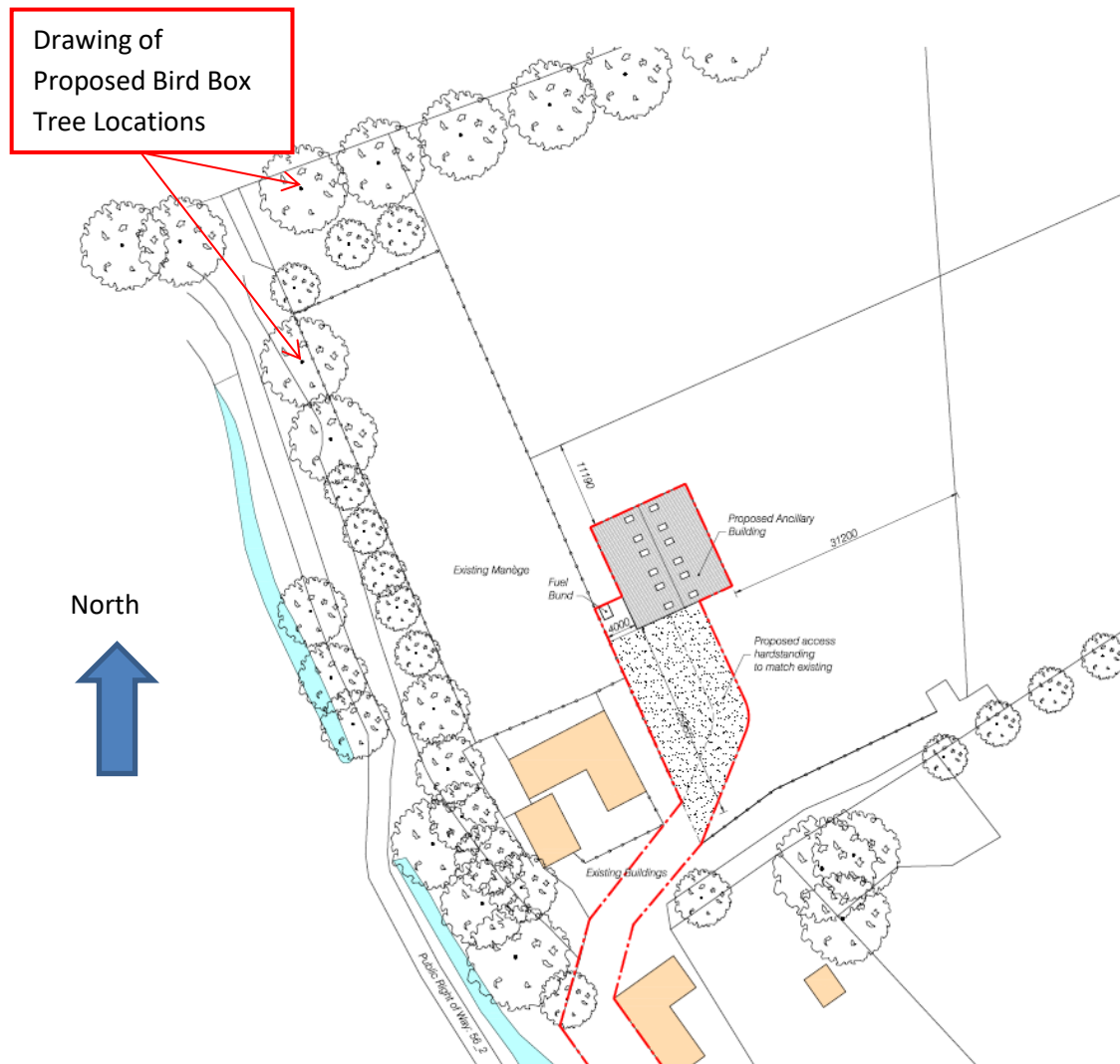
The proposed ecological enhancements are in line with the PEA as follows:

- 2 no. Schwegler 1B tree mounted standard bird nest boxes to be installed (1 per tree) in the wider Prows Farm site outside of the application area. Details of the box types are below:



*Schwegler 1B standard nest boxes*

- The boxes will be placed on the side of trees, away from direct sunlight, facing between north and east (not south) and at a height of between 2m and 5m height so that they are away from cats
- The proposed bird boxes will be installed in tree mounted locations within the Prows Farm area, as shown approximately on the drawing below. The bird boxes would be sited at an appropriate distance from the approved development, taking into account the need for safe operation in context with the proposed use



#### d) Persons responsible

The persons responsible for the installation of the bird boxes will be the site owner-occupiers, Mr and Mrs Fish.

#### e) Aftercare and maintenance

The proposed bird boxes are made of hard-wearing long lasting materials. As such, no specific care or maintenance of the bird boxes is required.

However, it is intended to clean the boxes out once a year in autumn (after September) and remove old nesting materials as part of good practice. The box could then be washed internally with very hot or boiling water to kill any parasites prior to re-assembly and installation.