



## Elm Farm Barn, Little Blakenham, Suffolk

# Biodiversity Enhancement Layout

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## 1.0 SUMMARY

### Instruction

1.1 This document serves to address planning condition 18 of DC/23/00639 relating to the demolition of the existing buildings and erection of three new dwellings with access at Elm Farm, Somersham Road, Little Blakenham, Suffolk IP8 4NF.

1.2 Planning condition 18 states that:

*“Prior to commencement of development above slab level: a Biodiversity Enhancement Layout, providing the finalised details and locations of the enhancement measures contained within the Ecology Addendum (Liz Lord Ecology, February 2022) shall be submitted to and approved in writing by the local planning authority. The enhancement measures shall be implemented in accordance with the approved details prior to occupation and all features shall be retained in that manner thereafter.*

*Reason - To enhance protected and Priority Species and allow the LPA to discharge its duties under the s40 of the NERC Act 2006 (Priority habitats & species).”*

1.3 The type / design of bat and bird boxes to be installed on site, and their height, aspect and positioning are detailed overleaf. The plan provided in Appendix 1 shows the exact locations of the boxes and log piles.



## 2.0 MITIGATION & ENHANCEMENT MEASURES

2.1 The number and type of boxes to be installed on site are detailed below. Locating the boxes on cart lodge / garage buildings aims to avoid any potential future conflict with residents.

### Enhancement - Bird Boxes

2.2 **2 no. Vivara Pro woodstone Estella double house sparrow boxes** will be provided within the new development. They will both be erected on the eastern wall of the eastern most cart lodge, immediately beneath the eaves. The boxes may be built in to the fabric of the building, or fixed externally. Where the Estella box is unavailable, a suitable alternative will be agreed in writing with an ecologist.



Woodstone Estella House Sparrow Box

Made of long lasting woodstone; can be built in or fixed externally

Available from CJ Wildlife

Dimensions 29 x 16 x 21cm, weight 6kg

### Mitigation - Bat Boxes

2.3 **2 no. woodstone bat boxes** will be fixed externally to the new cart lodge in the north western corner of the site, at the top of the gable end apexes. One box will be fixed to the western elevation, and one to the eastern elevation to provide a range of roosting conditions. No external lighting features will be installed on these gable ends. Where the specified box type is unavailable, a suitable alternative will be agreed in writing with an ecologist.



Beumaris woodstone bat box  
midi – for external fixing to wall:

### Implementation

2.4 Mr J Pennington of Beechlake Developments and the site manager (to be confirmed) will be responsible for overseeing the purchase and installation of the features detailed above.



**Appendix 1:**  
**Bat & Bird Box Locations**





Outline of existing building to be removed

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Outline of existing building to be removed

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