

Biodiversity mitigation / Enhancement Statement

Old Vicarage, Conistion Cold, Skipton, BD23 4EA –

An application for a household application has been submitted to Craven District Council (planning reference ZA24/25620/HH for the erection of a single storey site and front extension. Please refer to drawings submitted as part of the application.

BIODIVERSITY ENHANCEMENT OPPERTUNITIES

The National Planning Policy Framework 2012 requires planning decisions to “enhance the natural environment” and provide “net gains in biodiversity where possible” (Appendix 1). At the old Vicarage 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
- Planting of hedgerows or shrubs along external and internal site boundaries
- Planting of garden areas with wildflower meadow species selected to provide floral resources and seeds/berries
- External lighting kept to a minimum on the dwelling 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.

Examples below.



