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Sustainability statement for planning application 24/00195/FUL at 304 Hatherley Rd, Cheltenham GL51 6HR

A sustainability statement for planning application 24/00195/FUL at 304 Hatherley Road focuses on expanding the living space in a way that aligns with contemporary sustainability goals and policy directives. This project, set in a residential zone, emphasizes the importance of enhancing living conditions while upholding sustainability principles and environmental stewardship. Following policy SD3 of the Joint Core Strategy (JCS) and the recently adopted Climate Change Supplementary Planning Document (SPD), the development aims to achieve the following sustainability objectives: Minimize Carbon Footprint: The development will employ environmentally friendly construction techniques and materials, significantly reducing the carbon emissions associated with the building process and the finished extensions. This approach ensures a minimized carbon footprint for the development.

Energy Efficiency: The design of the new extensions prioritizes energy efficiency. By incorporating advanced insulation solutions and installing energy-efficient windows and doors, the development aims to reduce energy consumption significantly, thereby improving the property's overall energy efficiency.

Water Conservation: A key goal is to lower water usage by integrating water-efficient fixtures and systems. The project will consider implementing rainwater harvesting systems to lessen reliance on the municipal water supply and contribute to water conservation efforts.

Bolstering Biodiversity: In acknowledgement of the intrinsic value of local plant life, this project commits to preserving all current trees and shrubs, alongside introducing new plantings within the development's landscaping. This approach is strategically aimed at enhancing biodiversity, thereby delivering a beneficial effect on the surrounding ecosystem.

Encouraging Green Transportation: The project thoughtfully supports sustainable transport options, offering secure facilities for bicycle storage. Alongside the property's advantageous proximity to public transport, this initiative is designed to nurture a shift towards more environmentally conscious travel choices.

Waste Management During Construction: The development will adopt a comprehensive waste management strategy. This strategy aims to minimize construction waste and ensure the responsible disposal and recycling of materials, mitigating the environmental impact of the development process.

Summarize the sustainability statement, articulating the commitment of the investors and developers to meet and exceed the sustainability criteria set forth by policy SD3 of the JCS and the Climate Change SPD. Through these targeted measures, the development at 304 Hatherley Road aspires to contribute positively to the community's environmental goals, ensuring a sustainable and resilient future for the area.

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