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**18/02/2024**

**Application Reference:** DC/23/05264

**Our Reference:** Discharge request for biodiversity enhancement measures

Dear Sir/Madam,

Following the granting of the planning permission for the reconstruction of the first floor, extensions and the construction of a non habitable timber outbuilding at Crofters, Higham, we hereby submit the details of the biodiversity enhancement measures to enable the discharge. This includes;

- 1) The block plan diagram showing the positioning of new trees and hedges to set the scene for the location of the enhancements.
- 2) For each enhancement, the orientation and height.
- 3) Product descriptions for each biodiversity enhancements and the details of the suppliers.

To obtain your support, we would appreciate it if you can consider the below;

- 1) Currently, the garden at Crofters is laid with turf and there are a handful of young trees and 1 mature Oak tree. We are introducing a number of new hedges and trees to enhance the biodiversity and to help introduce a habitat for the hazel dormice and food for the birds and mammals. We also intend to use native mixed seeds that will provide diversity and food for bees and butterflies.
- 2) A detailed planting scheme was submitted as a part of the planning application. Advice from the Landscape team was obtained at the pre app stage and all recommendations were adopted before the planning approval.
- 3) We have tried our best to learn about birds and habitats in the local area and we have taken advice from the Suffolk Wildlife Trust and the RSPB.
- 4) Hazel dormouse boxes were not deemed required by the Wildlife Trust at this stage until the new hedges are planted and established.
- 5) All bird boxes will be supplied by the RSPB to ensure that only sustainable materials are used and are compliant.

We hope that the proposal is suitable and we look forward to hearing back from you. Please do not hesitate to contact us if you have any feedback.

Yours Sincerely

(Mr & Mrs Peck)