
Ecosystem statement

The Old Rectory Polegate East Sussex BN26 5SD

Listed Buildings

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2. L-shaped Tudor-Gothic house of 1840 circa. Two storeys and attic. Four windows. Two dormers. Red brick and grey headers in alternate courses on a stuccoed base with stuccoed long and short window surrounds and quoins. Tiled roof. East wing has a shaped gable containing a cartouche. Southernmost window-bay also projects with gable over. Sash windows with glazing bars intact, some with dripstones over. Stuccoed porch in the angle of the L.

Reference to Historic England

<https://historicengland.org.uk/listing/the-list/list-entry/1193454?section=official-list-entry>

Proposal

The proposed development is located to the North elevation which is the side of the building which faces away from the street scene.

The proposal is for a single storey rear extension that is contained within the existing topography of the site and is relatively hidden from view. The extension contains a kitchen, dining and modest sitting area.


Ecosystem existing

The applicants have installed an owl box previously within the existing wooded area located to the North of the main house. The applicants are working closely with a tree surgeon on a program of works being undertaken to correctly manage the existing woodland and tree's which will not only prolong the life of the woodland but also encourage new habitats for animals to reside.

Ecosystem proposed

This application proposes works to land already covered by hard standing or low-cut grass areas and does not disturb natural habitats. This in turn conserves the existing ecosystem and with the works outlined above enhances the surrounding ecosystem.

With the successful outcome of this application, the introduction of a bird box located elsewhere on the applicant site will be established, once again improving the surrounding ecosystem.


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Conclusion

The applicant is seeking the permission of a single storey rear extension. The location of the building provides exceptional coverage of land to which currently natural habitats will unlikely reside. With the existing owl box, new bird box and land management of the existing woodland achieves a vastly enhanced ecosystem and encourages the wildlife to reside and flourish.



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