

Agree details for Planning Condition 10(Bird Boxes) of Planning Permission P2021/0704

1.0 Scope of the Report

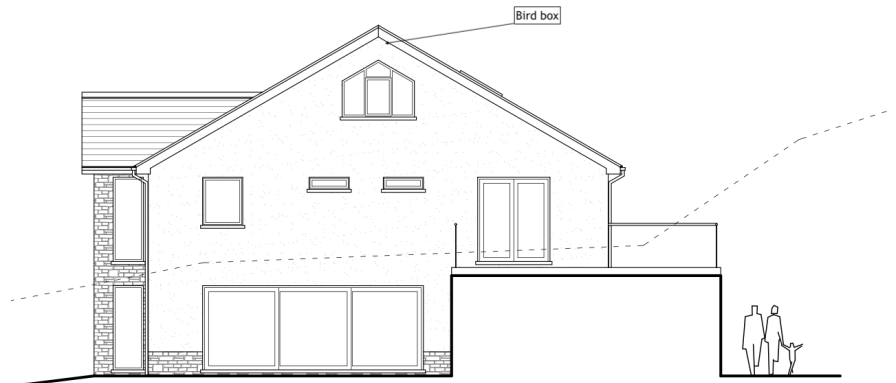
- 1.1 Planning condition 10 of the above consnet requires the following
- 1.2 *“Prior to the first beneficial occupation of the dwelling hereby permitted, a scheme for artificial nesting site for birds on the dwelling shall be submitted to and approved in writing. The approved scheme shall be fully implemented on site prior to the first beneficial occupation of the dwelling, and retained as such thereafter.”*
- 1.3 The purpose of this document is to detail the locations, specification and designs of the proposed bird nesting boxes at the site.

2.0 Location of Bird Boxes

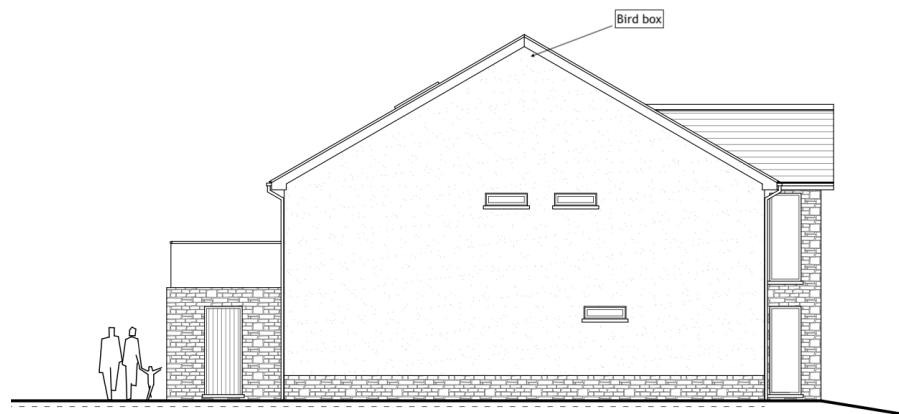
- 2.1 Four generalist bird boxes will be provided to enhance nesting opportunities for breeding birds at the site post-development.
- 2.2 Bird boxes should be fixed two to five metres up a tree or wall, out of the reach of predators such as domestic cats.
- 2.3 Unless trees or buildings surrounding the boxes give permanent shelter, boxes are best mounted facing between north and east, thus avoiding strong sunlight and the wettest winds. Boxes should also be tilted forward slightly to minimise the effect of any driving rain.

2.4 The proposed locations for the boxes are shown in **Figure 1** below

Figure 1



Side Elevation



End Elevation

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3.0 Box Specifications

- 3.1 Boxes to attract garden birds and woodland breeding species such as tits, nuthatch, redstart and pied flycatcher can be placed in gardens, orchards, woodlands and a wide variety of other habitats. The species of birds attracted to the box will depend upon the size of the entrance hole (see table below).
- 3.2 Boxes should be fixed two to five metres up a tree or wall, out of the reach of predators such as domestic cats. Unless there are trees or buildings, which give permanent shelter, it is best facing between north and east.

General		
Example	Description	Picture
Schwegler No. 1B General Purpose Nest box	www.arkwildlife.co.uk Suitable for various garden and woodland birds, created with different sized entrance holes to avoid competition between species. Other variations (e.g. 2M) can be free hanging, to deter predators	

Entrance Hole	Species	
26mm	Blue-, Marsh-, Coal- and Crested Tit, possibly Wren. All other species are prevented from using the nest box due to this smaller entrance hole.	
32mm	Great-, Blue-, Marsh-, Coal- and Crested Tit, Redstart, Nuthatch, Pied Flycatcher, Tree and House Sparrows.	
Oval	Redstart; also used by species that nest in the diameter 32 mm boxes. However, because more light enters the brood chamber, it is preferred by Redstarts.	

- 3.3 Under the Wildlife and Countryside Act 1981 it is an offence to disturb breeding birds and therefore annual cleaning cannot be undertaken between the months of March and September inclusive. Bird nest boxes should be cleaned in October to prevent the build-up of nest parasites in the boxes whilst avoiding the risk of disturbing birds using the boxes as a roost site during the cold winter months. All nesting material and other debris should be removed from the box. Ideally, it should then be scrubbed clean with boiling water to kill any parasites (avoid using any chemicals). Once the box is clean, it should be left to dry out thoroughly. Bird boxes should be left up over winter as they can provide useful roosting sites for birds in bad weather.