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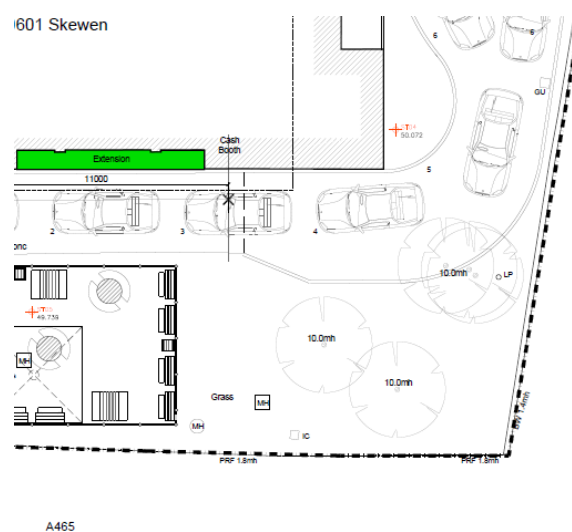
Green Infrastructure Statement / Biodiversity enhancement measures

Welsh Government:

“6.2.6 A green infrastructure statement should be submitted with all planning applications. This will be proportionate to the scale and nature of the development proposed and will describe how green infrastructure has been incorporated into the proposal. In the case of minor development this will be a short description and should not be an onerous requirement for applicants. The green infrastructure statement will be an effective way of demonstrating positive multi- functional outcomes which are appropriate to the site in question and must be used for demonstrating how the step-wise approach (Paragraph 6.4.21) has been applied.”

Proposal

3 no. external bird nesting box will be attached to the existing mature trees within the tree bank at the north-east of the building., within the demise of the building.



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The bird box will be of a size and design suitable for use by House Sparrow. It will be sited prior to first use of the approved development and at a minimum of 2m, but maximum of 4m, above ground level.

House Sparrow box was chosen for biodiversity enhancement since in parts of the UK, numbers in towns and cities have declined by 60 per cent. Because of these large population declines, the house sparrow is now red-listed as a species of high conservation concern.

Conclusion.

It is considered that subject to the above, that the proposed development would maintain and / or enhance biodiversity, build resilient ecological networks and deliver net benefits for biodiversity.

This ensuring that any adverse environmental effects are avoided.