

Green Infrastructure Statement

Site Address: Dynevor Arms, Dynevor Terrace, Pontardawe, SA8 4HX

Proposed Development: Conversion of former public house into 8 residential flats

Site description: The site consists of a former public house building with two floors and ancillary structures. The building is currently vacant and undergoing conversion. The site is predominantly hardstanding with limited soft landscaping.

Surrounding Area description: The application site is located in a built-up residential area in Pontardawe, surrounded by terraced housing and community buildings, with limited local green infrastructure.

Development Impacts:

Loss of a small area of grass and permeable surfacing in the front garden to allow for bin store and meter access. No trees or hedgerows will be removed. No external lighting is proposed, so impacts will remain localised.

Biodiversity Enhancements Proposed:

One standard bird box (e.g. Schwegler 1B or equivalent)

Design:



RSPB Classic nest box

Location: To be installed at least 3m above ground level on the north-facing rear elevation of the building.

Impact: Provides additional nesting opportunities for small birds and contributes to the enhancement of ecological networks on site.

Conclusion.

Taking into account the limited scale of impact and the proportionate ecological enhancements proposed, the development is considered to comply with national and local biodiversity policy objectives. The inclusion of a bird box, protection of existing vegetation, and the absence of external lighting help to minimise ecological disturbance. As such, the proposed scheme will contribute to the creation of a more resilient and connected urban ecosystem, delivering a measurable net gain for biodiversity in accordance with Planning Policy Wales and the Environment (Wales) Act 2016.

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