

GI STATEMENT

Keepers Lodge, Cilybebyll,
Pontardawe, Swansea, SA8 3JS

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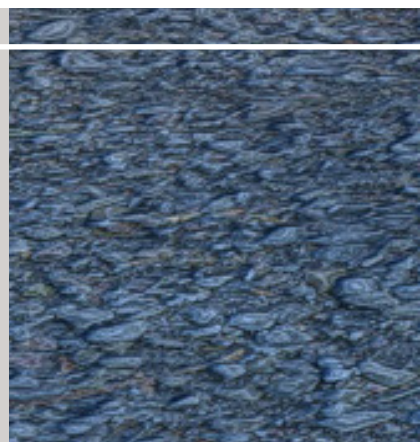
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GREEN INFRASTRUCTURE

Residential Development

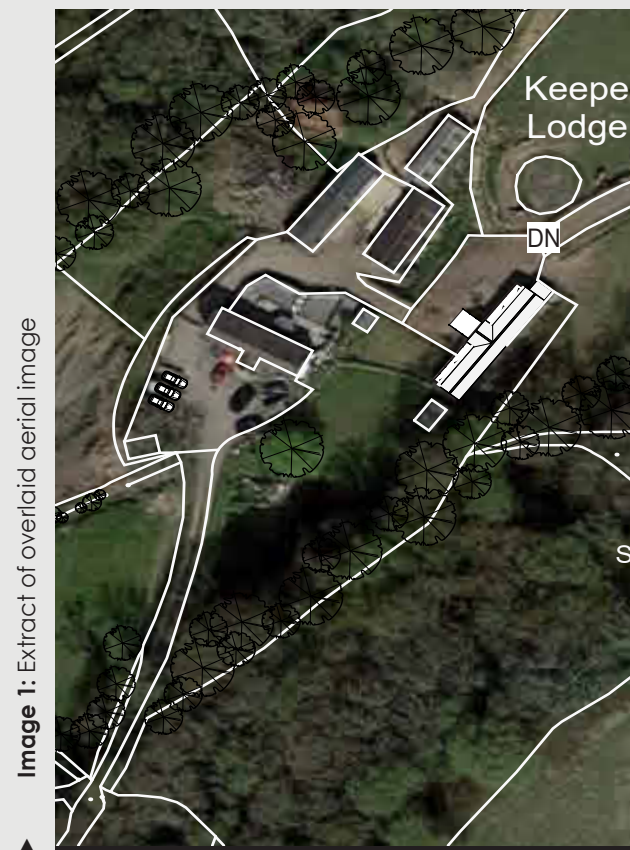


Image 1: Extract of overlaid aerial image

1.1. SITE ADDRESS

- Keepers Lodge Lane, Cilybebyll, Pontardawe, SA8 3JS
- **Easting** – 274218 – **Northing** - 205031

1.2. SITE DESCRIPTION

The site consists of a series of detached buildings surrounding an established dwelling. The existing property is part of a loose grouping of disparate agricultural buildings which include stable blocks, sheds, livestock buildings and storage areas.

Within the site, there are a variety of established surfaces, including roads, tracks, tarmac, and patios.

Regarding vegetation, the site is surrounded by mature trees, hedge lines, and bushes, as illustrated in the aerial image included as - **Image 1**.



Image 2: Image of the existing site

1.3. SURROUNDING AREA DESCRIPTION

The application site is concealed within low-lying land encompassed by trees positioned upon the surrounding higher slopes, as illustrated by the aerial image included as - **Image 1**.

1.4. DEVELOPMENT IMPACTS

The impact of the development is confined primarily to the footprint of the existing dwelling. Please see drawing 740-110 included as part of the Planning package

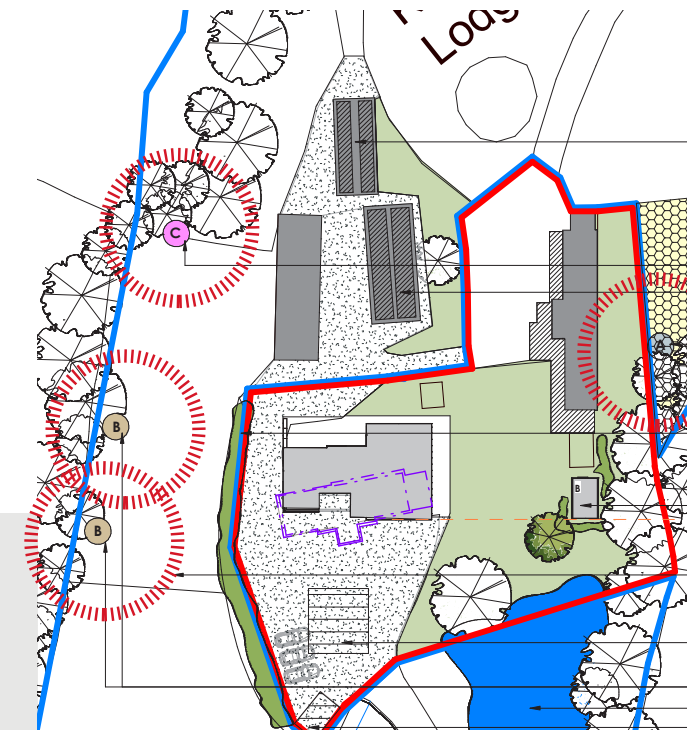


Image 3: Extract from drawing 728-110

1.5. BIODIVERSITY ENHANCEMENTS PROPOSED

It is proposed that, as part of the development and in line with the included PEA document, 2 tree-mounted bat boxes, 1 tree-mounted bird nesting box, and a Hibernaculum and compost heap will be installed, located adjacent to new / exist-



Image 4: Example of 1FF Bat Box

ing hedgerows at the established tree-line to the North West and North East of the site as illustrated within the attached drawing 728-110.

BAT BOX PROPOSAL TYPE

As part of the development, it is proposed that the Schwegler 1FF Bat Box will be used.

These bat box locations have been illustrated on drawing **745-110** as locations B. The bat boxes are to be located at an initially proposed height of circa 4m from

ground level. These locations would create additional connectivity for bats along the established tree line and potential feeding habitats.



NEST BOXES - INSTALLATION

As part of the development, it is proposed that the **Schwegler 1B Nest Box** will be used. <https://www.nhbs.com/1b-schwegler-nest-box>

This bird box location has been illustrated on drawing **745-110** as location C at an initially proposed height to be determined onsite but greater than 2.5m from ground level. This location would create additional habitat for nesting garden birds.

HIBERNACULUM & COMPOST BIN

As part of the development it is proposed that a hibernaculum and compost bin will be installed.

These facilities have been illustrated on drawing **745-110** as location A. The facilities have been located to benefit from the adjacency to new/existing hedges to be installed as part of the development and aid hedgehog usage and connectivity.

WILD FLOWERS

Based on the details contained within the PEA, an area of wildflowers /grassland is proposed to be installed as illustrated on drawing **745-110** and using the specification identified within the PEA.

1.6. CONCLUSION.

It is considered that subject to the above, the proposed development would maintain and enhance biodiversity, build resilient ecological networks and deliver net benefits for biodiversity. Thus ensuring that any adverse environmental effects are compensated for.



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