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Planning Division,
Newport City Council,
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PROPOSED EXTENSION AND ALTERATIONS AT CEDAR HOUSE, GOLDCROFT COMMON, CAERLEON

GREEN INFRASTRUCTURE STATEMENT-

Dear Sir/Madam,

1. The proposed is a minor proposal which includes the removal / replacement of a first floor conservatory. No ecologically harmful development is proposed as part of the scheme and as such will have no impact on anything of ecological value.
2. The property currently has little ecological value. The application does not propose to include off-site biological improvements. The proposal does include the installation of a bird box to the rear elevation. The orientation works well as birds often do not use boxes on south facing elevations.
3. The Welsh Government issued updated Chapter 6 National Planning Policy Guidance in of Planning Policy Wales. The updated policy guidance recognises the value of green infrastructure within the built environment.
4. *“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.”



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	Description	Assessment	Enhancement / Harm	Maintenance	Benefit
1	New Rear Extension	External Work	Temp. Disturbance	N/A	Positive
2	Conservatory Removal	Demolition	Bird Nest - none	N/A	N/A
3	Change Windows	N/A	N/A	N/A	Positive & Negative
4	Bird Boxes (see below)	Positive	Bird nesting location provided	Low	Significant net benefits
5	Sedum Flat Roofs	Positive	Positive	Medium	Positive



Photo 1 – Rear Elevation

5. Rear Elevations showing bird box. Both approx. 4.5m high and suitably sheltered not to cause overheating within the boxes.
6. Bird Boxes to be of natural, untreated wood. Specifically, rot-resistant woods like cedar, redwood, or cypress that are at least 3/4-inch thick are highly recommended. These materials provide excellent insulation, durability, and a natural environment that birds prefer.

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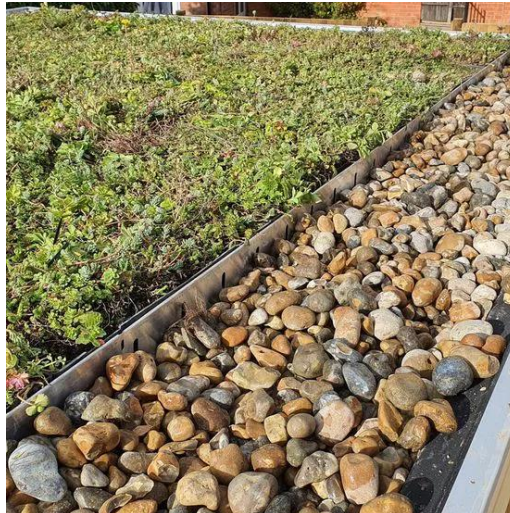
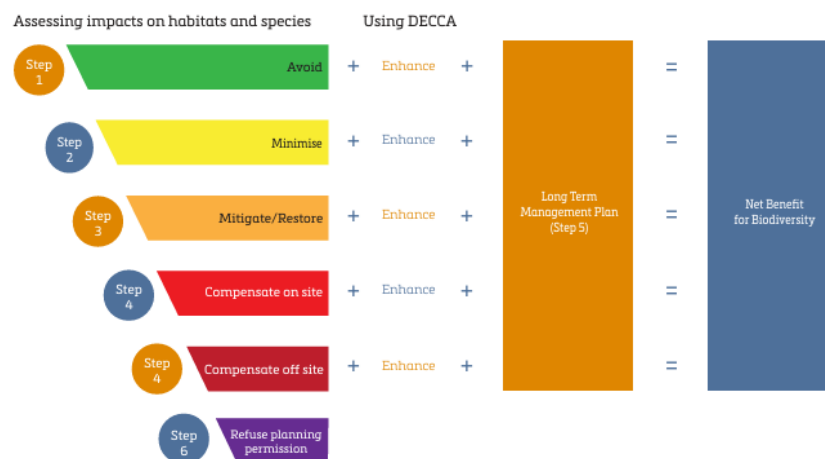


Photo 2 – Typical Sedum Flat Roof

Figure 12: Summary of the Step-Wise Approach



Conclusion

- The development avoids any significant damage to local biodiversity.
- The proposal provides an appropriate ecological enhancement to the scale of the development.
- The proposed ecological enhancement will be low maintenance through using quality products. The bird box is well located.

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