

Biodiversity Enhancement Scheme

Site: 147 Commercial Road, Newport, NP20 2PJ

1. Introduction

This document has been prepared to discharge the planning condition requiring the submission of a biodiversity enhancement scheme prior to the occupation of the approved development at 147 Commercial Road, NP20 2PJ.

The scheme sets out measures to enhance biodiversity within the site in accordance with **Policy 9 of Future Wales: The National Plan 2040**, which seeks to maintain and enhance biodiversity and secure resilient ecological networks.

2. Site Context

- The site is located on Commercial Road, Newport, within an established urban area.
 - The current site is almost entirely hard-surfaced with concrete, offering negligible existing habitat value.
 - There is limited scope for soft landscaping due to space constraints; therefore, biodiversity enhancements are proposed through introduction of Bird Box as recommended.
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3. Proposed Biodiversity Enhancements

3.1 Building-Integrated Features

- **Bird nesting provision:** Three integrated sparrow terraces to be installed within the building façade, positioned away from artificial lighting.
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4. Management and Maintenance

- All planting will be watered and maintained for the lifetime of the development, with replacement planting provided where losses occur.
- Bird boxes will remain in situ and unobstructed for the lifetime of the development.
- The scheme will be monitored informally by the licence holder to ensure biodiversity features remain functional.