

Green Infrastructure Statement

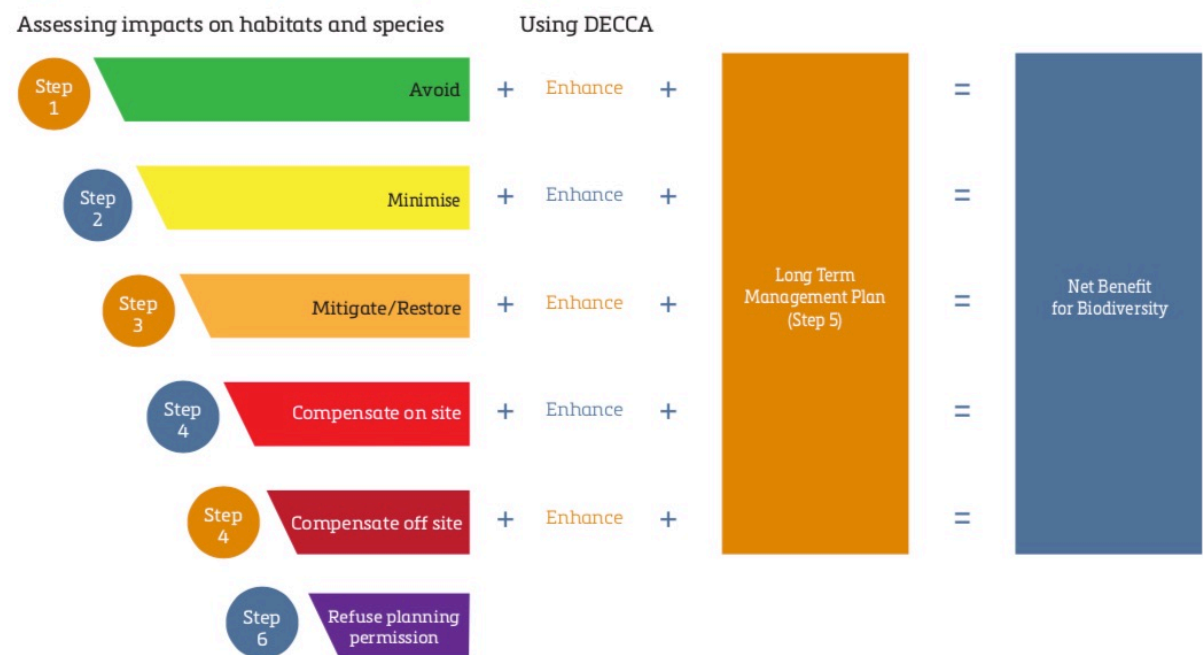
For 17-21 Wharf Road, Newport

Planning Policy Wales

As per Planning Policy Wales, Edition 12, February 2024 a Green Infrastructure Statement is required to demonstrate how a step-wise approach has been considered in maintaining and enhancing biodiversity for the proposals. The statement should be proportionate to the scale and nature of the proposed development. Only a short description is required more minor developments such as householder applications. Figure 1 below sets out the summary of the stepwise approach as set out in the Chapter 6 of PPW.

Figure 12: Summary of the Step-Wise Approach

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Biodiversity Enhancement

As regards to biodiversity measures, the proposal will seek to deliver biodiversity enhancements through the provision of a bird nesting box. This will be placed on the north elevation to avoid strong sunlight and prevailing winds. There should be a clear path for birds to fly into the nest and no clutter in front of the entrance hole



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The bird box is to be put up in autumn or early winter as this is when many species of bird will start looking for a nest site as early as January, a good few months before garden birds get down to the serious business of raising a family.

Monitoring and Management

A post-development monitoring plan will be implemented to ensure that biodiversity enhancements are successful. This will include:

- **Regular Site Inspections:** To monitor the success of Bird boxes and the use of new habitats by wildlife. Bird boxes should be monitored during late spring or summer by a suitably experienced ecologist or ornithologist annually within the first 5 years of the

development to confirm use. Bird boxes will be inspected and cleaned on an annual basis in autumn (outside bird breeding season) and repaired/replaced as appropriate.

- **Adaptive Management:** Adjust management practices if necessary, based on monitoring outcomes. Should the bird boxes not have evidence of use by nesting birds after this time it is recommended that the location of the bird boxes be re-evaluated and alternative locations be considered.

Conclusion

The measures outlined in this green infrastructure statement will ensure that the proposed development not only mitigates its potential impact on biodiversity but also actively enhances the local environment. The implementation timetable provides a clear and structured approach to delivering these enhancements within set deadlines, under the supervision of qualified personnel.

This approach is fully compliant with both local and national biodiversity and planning policies in Wales and seeks to achieve a net biodiversity gain in the project area.