



Mount Pleasant Primary School
Proposed External Play Canopy

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Biodiversity Enhancement Plan for the installation of an external play canopy at Mount Pleasant primary school, Newport.

1. Objective

To enhance biodiversity at Mount Pleasant Primary School as part of the external play canopy installation, ensuring a net positive impact on local wildlife and adherence to relevant planning policies.

2. Proposed Biodiversity Enhancements

a. Installation of Bird Boxes

Number and Type: Install three bird nesting boxes suitable for common local species such as house sparrows and blue tits in appropriate locations around the school boundary.

Placement: Bird boxes will be installed on mature trees in the school grounds adjacent to the new Canopy, ensuring they are positioned at least 3 meters above the ground and away from direct sunlight and prevailing winds.

Timing: Installation to be completed within 1 month following the installation of the canopy.

b. Bat Roosting Boxes

Number and Type: Install two bat roosting boxes to support local bat species in suitable locations around the school site.

Placement: Boxes will be positioned at least 4 meters high within the school site, ideally on mature trees or buildings, avoiding well-lit areas to minimize disturbance.

Timing: Installation to take place within 1 month following the installation of the canopy.

3. Maintenance and Monitoring

Bird and Bat Boxes: Annual inspection to ensure they remain secure and undamaged. Cleaning of bird boxes to be done in autumn, outside of nesting season.

4. Implementation Timetable

Bird and Bat Box Installation: Within 1 month of the canopy installation.

5. Duo Insect Boxes

5No. duo insect and ladybird boxes fixed to trees min 1m from ground level. Preferably boxes are not to face West.

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A report on the installation of the biodiversity enhancements, including photographic evidence, will be submitted to the Local Planning Authority within 3 months of the canopy installation.

6. Retention of Enhancements

All biodiversity enhancements will be retained and maintained for a minimum of 5 years to ensure their long-term contribution to the school's environment and local biodiversity.

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