

Biodiversity Statement – 46 Haddon Drive, RG5 4LU

Single-storey rear extension

This statement supports a householder application for a single-storey rear extension at 46 Haddon Drive. The proposal involves building directly off the existing rear elevation of the house and replacing an area of hard landscaping. No part of the works affects the roof, loft space, eaves, or any existing structures that could provide roosting opportunities for bats or nesting birds.

The garden is domestic in character and consists of lawn, paving and small ornamental planting. There are no ponds, watercourses, mature trees, hedgerows or outbuildings within or immediately adjacent to the area of work. The site is not within or adjoining any designated wildlife site.

The works will not involve:

- removal of trees, hedges or shrubs
- demolition of any structures
- alterations to the roof
- external lighting that could affect bats

Given the nature of the proposal and the existing hard-surfaced footprint, the development is not expected to have any impact on protected species or habitats.

As a small enhancement in line with local policy, the applicant is willing to install either:

- a bee brick within the new external wall, or
- a small bird box on the rear elevation of the house or elsewhere in the grounds.

This will ensure a minor net gain in biodiversity appropriate to the scale of the development.

Conclusion: The proposed extension replaces existing hard landscaping and does not affect any features of ecological value. No further ecological surveys are considered necessary, and the minor enhancement proposed will provide a proportionate biodiversity benefit.