

BIODIVERSITY STATEMENT

Survey / report not considered applicable

Application site	404 Wokingham Road, Earley, Reading, RG6 7HX
Applicants	Mr Chaithanya Nuguri and Mrs Sireesha Chevuru
Proposal	Retrospective retention of an existing timber-framed, open-sided pergola/canopy with translucent polycarbonate roof over the rear patio and side passage.
Application type	Householder planning application
Date	14 September 2026

1. Site and works

The application relates to the retention of a lightweight, open-sided timber pergola/canopy constructed over the existing paved rear patio and side passage within the residential curtilage of the dwelling.

The works are confined to previously hard-surfaced domestic areas. They do not involve demolition of the dwelling, works to the main house roof, removal of trees or hedgerows, removal or infilling of ponds, or creation of new habitable accommodation.

2. Biodiversity considerations

Given the small-scale householder nature of the works and their location over existing patio and side-passage surfaces, no specific habitat loss requiring a separate ecological or biodiversity survey has been identified for this application.

The development does not introduce external walls or enclosed accommodation and does not alter the use of the garden. The existing garden and boundary vegetation outside the footprint of the canopy are retained.

3. Biodiversity Net Gain

This is a householder planning application. The applicant has indicated on the Planning Portal that the statutory biodiversity gain condition is not expected to apply to this development.

4. Conclusion

On the basis of the nature, scale and location of the development described above, a separate biodiversity survey and report is not considered necessary. This statement is provided in support of the application and to address the Planning Portal document requirement.