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Biodiversity Statement

Introduction

This statement accompanies a householder planning application for the replacement of the existing rear lean-to and conservatory roofs with a new insulated flat roof, a modest extension to square off the existing conservatory, and the installation of new sliding doors and associated external alterations.

The proposal comprises householder development and is exempt from the mandatory Biodiversity Net Gain (BNG) requirements. This statement has therefore been prepared to demonstrate that the proposed works are unlikely to adversely affect protected habitats or species.

Site Description

The application site comprises an established residential dwelling and garden within a built-up residential area.

The proposed works are confined to the existing developed area at the rear of the dwelling and largely replace existing built form. No significant habitats, hedgerows, ponds, watercourses or other ecological features will be affected by the proposals.

Trees

The application site lies within the extent of Tree Preservation Order woodland designation **TSU86**. However, the proposed development is confined to the existing developed area at the rear of the dwelling and largely replaces existing built form.

The proposal involves only a modest increase in footprint to square off the existing conservatory. No protected trees will be removed, pruned or otherwise affected, and the proposed works are not expected to adversely affect the health or longevity of the protected trees.

The development is therefore not expected to have any adverse impact on the protected trees or the objectives of the Tree Preservation Order.

Protected Species

The existing structures affected by the proposal comprise a lean-to and conservatories with lightweight, low-profile tiled roof construction. These structures contain no roof voids, cavities, crevices or other features capable of supporting roosting bats and are therefore considered to provide negligible bat roosting potential.

No evidence of bats or other protected species was observed during the site inspection.



Accordingly, the proposed development is considered unlikely to result in adverse effects on protected species or their habitats.

Conclusion

The proposal is a modest householder development confined to an existing residential curtilage. No significant habitats or protected trees will be affected, and the existing structures to be altered provide negligible potential for roosting bats.

It is therefore concluded that the proposal is unlikely to result in any significant adverse effects on biodiversity and that no further ecological survey is considered necessary.