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BIODIVERSITY STATEMENT

Existing Site

The application site comprises an existing residential property with an established private rear garden containing maintained lawn and ornamental planting typical of a domestic setting. The site is located within an urban residential area and does not contain any designated ecological habitats, protected landscapes, or known features of significant ecological value.

No trees, hedgerows, ponds, or natural habitats will be removed as part of the proposed development.

Proposed Development

The proposal consists of a wrap-around extension and internal alterations to the existing dwelling. Works are confined to previously developed residential garden land.

Impact on Biodiversity

Given the domestic nature of the site, the absence of habitat removal, and the limited scale of development, the proposal is not considered likely to have any adverse impact on protected species or biodiversity interests.

Biodiversity Enhancement Measures

In accordance with national planning policy encouraging biodiversity enhancement, the development will incorporate appropriate ecological improvements where practicable, which may include:

- Installation of a bird nesting box on the dwelling or within the garden
- Retention of existing garden planting where possible
- Opportunity for additional native planting within the garden

Conclusion

The proposed development is small-scale residential development on an existing domestic plot and is not expected to result in ecological harm. The proposal therefore complies with national and local biodiversity policy requirements.

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