

Biodiversity Enhancement Scheme

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Project: Garth Farm, Garth Lane, Pant, Merthyr Tydfil

Planning Reference: P/25/0106

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1. Timetable for Implementation

All biodiversity features will be installed within 2 months of receiving written approval from the Local Planning Authority.

2. Specifications and Installation Details

a. Bat Box

Type: Schwegler 2F Bat Box (or equivalent), suitable for small maternity roosts.

Location: 1 metre down and 1 metre to the left of the south-eastern gable end of the building.

Height: Minimum of 4 metres above ground level.

Orientation: South-east facing.

Attachment: Mounted using stainless steel brackets or straps to avoid damage to buildings.

b. Bird Box

Type: Wooden Bird Nesting Box or similar, made from durable, FSC-certified wood, easy to assemble, suitable for small birds like tits and sparrows.

Location: North or east-facing elevation of a mature tree.

Height: Between 3-5 metres above ground level.

Orientation: Sheltered from prevailing winds and direct sunlight.

Attachment: Fixed using non-invasive straps or screws into wooden structures.

3. Maintenance Plan (5-Year Minimum)

Year 1: Visual check 6 months after installation to confirm secure mounting and no damage.

Years 2-5: Annual visual inspection from the ground (binoculars if needed) to check for:

- Structural integrity
- Signs of occupancy (e.g., droppings, activity)
- No cleaning required for bat boxes (disturbance is not permitted).

Bird boxes made of WoodStone do not require cleaning due to their design and material. If damage is observed, boxes will be replaced with the same or equivalent model.