

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 Tube (or integrated equivalent for rendering).

Location: 1 metre down and 1 metre to the left of the proposed western gable end of the building.

Height: Minimum of 4 metres above ground level.

Orientation: South-east facing.

Attachment: Designed to be built into the masonry of an external wall to avoid being directly illuminated

b. Bird Box

Type: Wooden Bird Nesting Box made from WoodStone or WoodCrete.

Location: North or west-facing elevation of a mature tree to avoid direct sunlight.

Height: Between 3–5 metres above ground level.

Orientation: Sheltered from prevailing winds and direct sunlight. No external lighting is to be proposed to the western elevation.

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

3. Maintenance Plan in Perpetuity

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.

Homeowners will be responsible for the ongoing maintenance of both bird and bat boxes, ensuring that these wildlife habitats remain clean, structurally sound, and appropriately positioned. Funding for this maintenance will be provided either through personal resources, supported by local council biodiversity initiatives, or through grants and conservation programs offered by organizations engaging in local habitat enhancement.