



ECOLOGICAL ADVICE SERVICE

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SUBJECT: 388 Rochester Road Gravesend 20260526

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Condition 6 states; *Within 3 months of works commencing, a plan demonstrating that integrated bat and bird boxes will be incorporated into the building shall be submitted to and approved, in writing, by the Local Planning Authority. The scheme shall then be constructed in accordance with these approved details and completed, in its entirety, prior to first occupation of the development. Thereafter the approved bat and bird boxes shall remain in situ and maintained.*

The submitted information has not demonstrated that integrated bat and bird boxes will be installed within the building.

However it has confirmed that 6 bird boxes and two bat boxes will be erected on the building, gazebo and mature tree. The proposal is for an extension and it is our view this is appropriate.

We are satisfied that the condition can be discharged.

In addition to the bat and bird boxes the submitted information has detailed that hedgehog highways will be installed in the close board fencing and an insect hotel will be installed. We are supportive of these measures and advise they are implemented.

Helen Forster MCIEEM
Biodiversity Officer

This response was submitted following consideration of the following documents:

- Proposed Block Plan; SAHOTA architectural services; May 2026