

AC Goatham and Son
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Our ref: 2226_L01_Biodiversity enhancement Letter

13th July 2026

Dear AC Goatham & Son,

RE: Biodiversity Enhancement Plan - Farm manager's house, Lower Green Farm

- 1.1 This letter report and accompanying drawing (Biodiversity Enhancement Plan, Drawing reference: 2226_DR01, dated 11/07/26) have been produced to address the following condition outlined within a Gravesham Borough Council Notification of Grant of Permission to Develop Land (20240812).

'Condition 8: Prior to the commencement of any above ground works, an ecological enhancement plan shall be submitted to and approved in writing by the Local Planning Authority. The plan must demonstrate how the site will enhance biodiversity through the inclusion of ecological enhancement features within the buildings and site. The development shall be carried out in accordance with the approved plan.'

Reason: In the interests of ecology, and in accordance with the provisions set out under Policy CS12 of the Gravesham Local Plan Core Strategy 2014.'

BACKGROUND

- 1.2 The proposals include the erection of a single dwelling with associated access connecting to the existing access road.
- 1.3 Off site land immediately to the south east will be enhanced from intensive orchards to arable field margins using a game bird mix. Details of this enhancement are provided within the Habitat Management and Monitoring Plan (Native Ecology, 2026, report reference 2226_R01).
- 1.4 Ecological enhancement measures were recommended as part of an Preliminary Ecological Appraisal undertaken by Greenspace Ecological Solutions in 2025 (report reference: J24-021687). This document details the enhancement measures, which will be implemented post-development to increase biodiversity and opportunities for an array of wildlife within the Site.

HABITAT ENHANCEMENTS

- 1.5 The following habitat enhancements will improve the value of the Site for biodiversity.

Starling boxes

- 1.6 3no. starling boxes such as Unitura SPP1 Starling box (or similar) will be placed on the proposed dwelling. Bird boxes will be hole fronted and will be installed on the north facing aspect of the building at a height of 3-4m.

Bat boxes

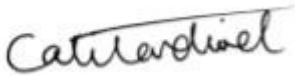
- 1.7 2no. integrated bat boxes, such as Schwegler 1FR Bat Tube (or similar), will be incorporated into the fabric of the new building. Boxes will be installed at least 3m above the ground and will be placed away from artificial light sources and will be located facing south, southeast or southwest, and exposed to sun for part of the day.

Bee post

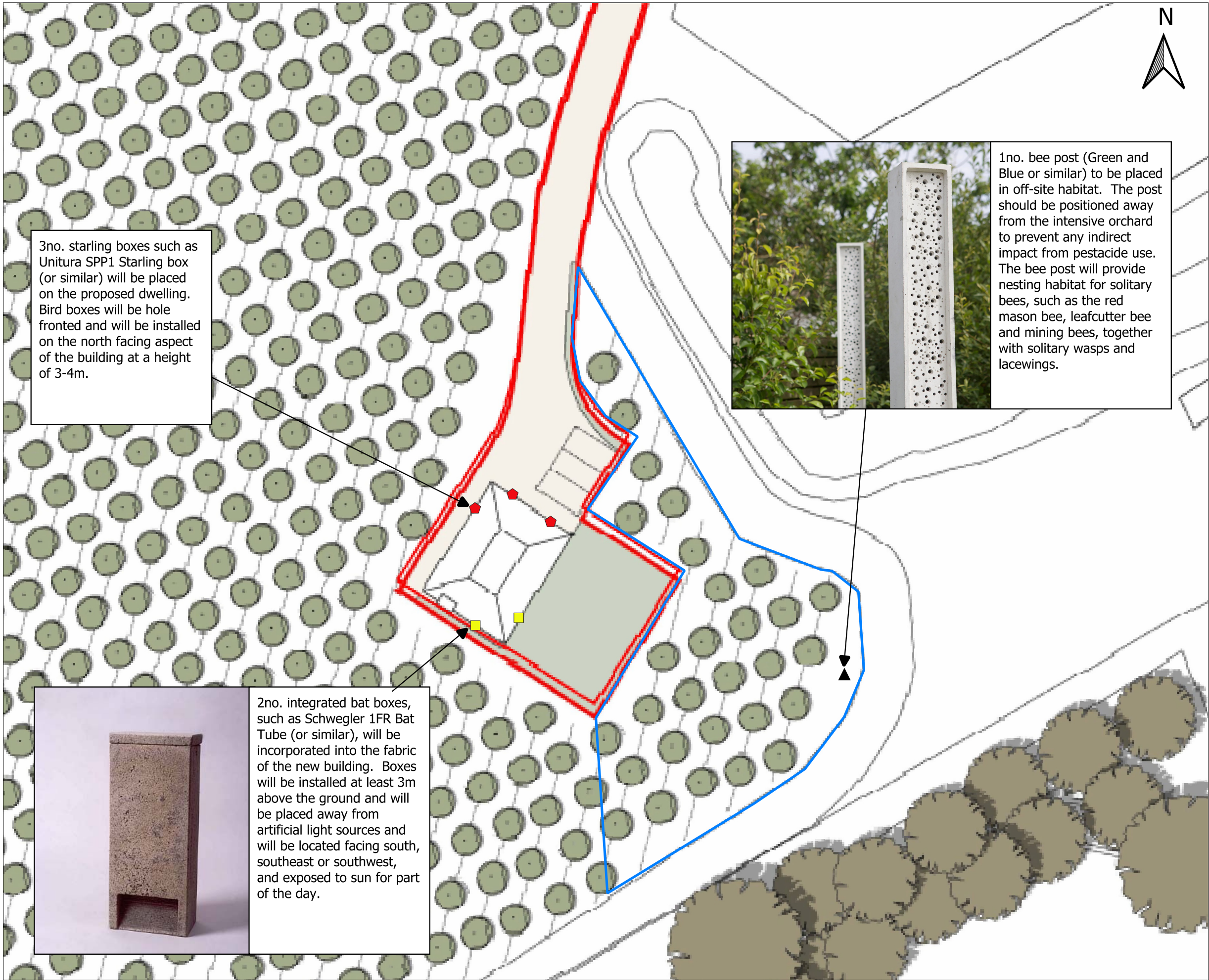
- 1.8 1no. bee post (Green and Blue or similar) to be placed in off-site habitat. The post will be positioned away from the intensive orchard to prevent any indirect impact from pesticide use.
- 1.9 The bee post will provide nesting habitat for solitary bees, such as the red mason bee, leafcutter bee and mining bees, together with solitary wasps and lacewings.

Please do contact me if you have any further questions.

Yours sincerely,



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Legend

- Site boundary
- Off-site boundary
- Starling box
- Bat box
- Bee post



Ecological enhancement and compensation plan

New Green Farm
Lower Shorne
Kent

Drawing ref:	2226_Figure 1
Revision:	-
Date:	11/07/2026
Scale:	DNS
Paper size:	A3