



ECOLOGICAL ADVICE SERVICE

TO: Kelly Joyce
FROM: Helen Forster
DATE: 19 December 2023
SUBJECT: 18 Marks Square, Northfleet 20231180

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Any additional information, queries or comments on this advice that the applicant or other interested parties may have must be directed in every instance to the planning officer, who will seek input from the EAS where appropriate and necessary.

Condition 15 states: *Within 3 months of works commencing details of how the development will enhance biodiversity shall be submitted to and approved in writing by the Local Planning Authority. This will include clear ecological enhancement for breeding birds and bats and Gravesham Borough Council shall include provision of bat boxes, bird boxes and native planting. The approved details shall be implemented before the first occupation of the development and thereafter permanently retained and maintained.*

The submitted information has detailed the following enhancements will be implemented:

- 1 bird box
- 1 bat box
- Native species planting

For the size of the proposal we are satisfied that those measures are appropriate. However we advise that the bat box is erected on to the southern boundary of the building rather than the north as bats prefer to have south facing roosting features.

Subject to the bat box being relocated we are satisfied that the condition can be discharged.

If you have any queries regarding our comments, please do not hesitate to get in touch.

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This response was submitted following consideration of the following documents:
Ecological Enhancement; Gill Sterling