



ECOLOGICAL ADVICE SERVICE

TO: Kelly Joyce
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SUBJECT: 20260402 1 Gabriel Gardens, Gravesend

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We have reviewed the information provided for the approval of condition 3 (Hard and Soft Landscaping), condition 4 (Climate Change), condition 5 (Biodiversity Enhancement Plan), condition 6 (Refuse Storage) and condition 7 (Cycle Storage) attached to planning reference number 20250180

We highlight that conditions 3,4,6 and 7 are not our area of expertise..

Condition 5

We have reviewed the information for the discharge of condition 5 Biodiversity enhancement plan. We note that the 2 swift bricks are stated to be built into the gable wall, which is appropriate as it faces north. The soft landscape plan includes honeysuckle climbing plants which is valuable for pollinators.

However, it also states the bat box will be on the north facing gable wall which is a suitable height but an incorrect aspect for a bat box. It needs to face south to south east.

We consider that if the applicant confirms to the LPA that a bat box will be installed to face south on the building that we are satisfied that the condition can be discharged and we do not need to be further consulted for condition 5.

We remind the applicant that condition 9 will require evidence of implementation of these biodiversity enhancement features.

Elizabeth Fagg
Biodiversity Officer

This response was submitted following consideration of the following documents:

- Covering letter, Penfold Project services
- Preliminary Ecological Appraisal, KB Ecology, 21/7/25
- Landscaping details, Penfold project services, Apr 26