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Hi Gary,

The DAS states:

3.2 Ecology It is not anticipated that there are any protected species on site. It is proposed, however, that hedgehog holes, swift boxes and other such ecological enhancements be employed within the proposal.

4.5 Landscaping The full site will go under material improvements with a mix of hard and soft landscaping utilised throughout. It is proposed to employ the use of box hedging to screen the front of the proposal and soften the fenced boundary perimeter, the final specification of which can be secured by a suitably worded planning condition.

4.8 Foul and Surface Water Drainage Foul water will be connections are to be made as required. Any additional rainwater will be directed to soakaways as per Building Regulations.

This proposal involves demolishing the garage of 22 Sydney Avenue. There are records of bats near the site.

It is necessary to check to see whether there is any potential habitat that would be disturbed or invasive species, which could potentially be spread into the wild, due to this proposal. A preliminary ecological assessment will be required.

Box hedging is not particularly useful to wildlife and is susceptible to box blight. A hedgerow of mixed native species with flowers, fruit and seeds that can be used by pollinators, birds and small mammals is more appropriate. Climbing vines can be used to soften the fenced boundary perimeter.

If soakaways are currently used in the houses surrounding the site, it is likely that they will be appropriate on this site. Soakaways must be located at least 5 m from any building. This may be difficult to achieve on this site, due to the root protection zones of the trees on the southern boundary.

A surface water drainage plan is required to show the location of the proposed soakaway and the specification of the permeable paving in the driveway.

Hedgehog holes (minimum of 13x 13 cm) will be required in the base boards of any closed board fencing. A biodiversity enhancement such as swift bricks or a bat brick can be conditioned.

Please let me know if you need any additional information.

Kind regards,

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