

Biodiversity Enhancements

Mercury Marina

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1. Introduction

- 1.1 In order to discharge condition 2 of the planning consent F/23/95548 at Mercury Marina, a biodiversity enhancement is required to meet the aim of Policy DM11 of Eastleigh Local Plan. To satisfy this condition, a bird box is proposed to the rear of the shipping containers.

2. Biodiversity Enhancement

- 2.1 The manufacturer specification of the bird box is supplied by Homescapes, called “Homescapes Wooden Bird Box with Seagrass Birdnest”. The bird box is ideal for small nesting birds and provides a warm and safe home for baby birds which will provide a suitable biodiversity enhancement in this well-treed location.



Figure 1: Manufacturer Specification of Bird Box.

- 2.2 The annotated plan below depicts where the bird box is to be located. This location will ensure the bird box is near the existing trees to the rear of the containers as well as being shaded from direct sunlight. This secluded location will also be set away from disturbance of passing pedestrian and vehicle traffic. The bird box will be attached to the fence, in the client’s ownership, to ensure this is securely attached in perpetuity.

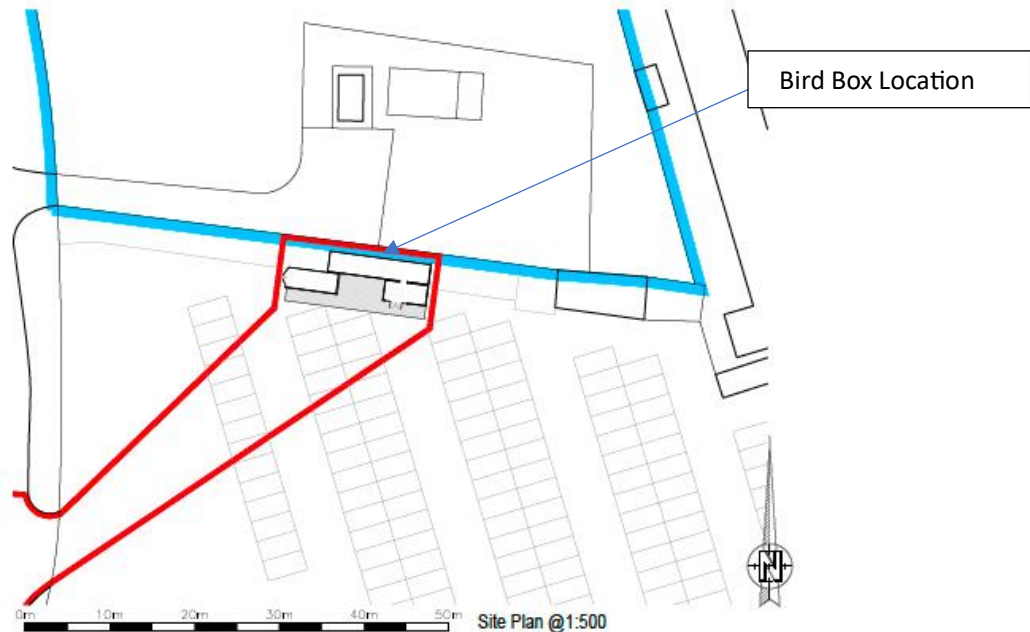


Figure 2: Biodiversity Enhancement Plan (Source KAD Architects). Drawing Number: 001

3. Conclusions

- 3.1 This location will suitably meet the needs of nesting birds and will provide a suitable biodiversity enhancement at the marina, meeting the aims of Policy DM11 of Eastleigh Local Plan. We therefore would request that Condition 2 is discharged in accordance with the plan and manufacturer specification details provided.