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BIODIVERSITY ENHANCEMENT STATEMENT

This Biodiversity Enhancement Statement is to accompany a Householder Planning Application for a loft conversion. It aligns with the requirement for minor developments to demonstrate biodiversity improvements to meet the [Adur & Worthing Councils' Biodiversity Strategy](#) and National Planning Policy Framework (NPPF) policies.

Site Address: 10 Beachside Close, Goring-by-Sea, Worthing, West Sussex, BN12 4JQ

Proposal: Loft conversion with associated roof alterations.

1. Introduction & Context

This statement outlines the proposed biodiversity enhancement measures for the loft conversion at 10 Beachside Close. The proposed development consists of a loft conversion involving roof alterations. The site is a suburban residential dwelling with limited existing biodiversity value (lawn to rear and hardstanding to the front of the property).

The proposed development falls under "householder application" and is a "minor development," making it subject to enhanced local policy requirements to provide ecological improvements, although considered exempt from the 10% Biodiversity Net Gain (BNG) metrics.

2. Avoidance and Mitigation Hierarchy

- **Timing:** Construction works will avoid the primary bird nesting season (March to August inclusive). If works must occur during this time, a precautionary check by a competent person will be completed. It is not considered necessary to prune or remove any trees to facilitate the proposed development, thus resulting in no requirement to affect any existing nesting areas.

3. Enhancement Measures (Net Gain Approach)

In accordance with local and national policy to deliver measurable biodiversity improvements, the following enhancements will be considered with the aim of enhancing and/or adding habitats for local wildlife:

- The garden area will be enhanced by ensuring that any new planting will be native, pollinator-friendly shrubs to support local insect populations.
- Existing planting will be retained.
- Any new amenity areas such as decking/patio will be kept to a suitable maximum size in relation to the site, retaining as much lawn as possible.

4. Conclusion

The proposed enhancements at 10 Beachside Close are considered proportional to the scale of the development. These measures will leave the site in a measurably better state for biodiversity than at present, ensuring compliance with the Local Planning Authority's requirements for biodiversity enhancement.