Green Infrastructure Statement Oakfield Park

Application P/2024/1081

This site previously contained a bungalow with vehicular access to Bannister Drive. Apart from the footprint of the bungalow, there were hard surfaced areas such as a path to the front door, a drive to the South West sided of the plot and a patio to the rear. There were two outbuildings. Those built features have limited biodiversity value.

The garden comprised grassed lawns of some 192 square meters. The North East boundary contained a hawthorn hedge, as did part of the South West boundary. The South East boundary mostly comprised a coniferous hedge, and a similar hedge existed on the South West boundary.

All of the above mentioned hedges have been retained.

The removal of the bungalow footprint and the hard surfaced areas and outbuildings have been replaced by two concrete bases, short paved access routes and steps to the front door positions, and two single vehicles block paved driveways have been provided to Bannister Drive. There are thus less built features present.

At present, most of the rest of the plots have been covered with gravel.

Grass areas can be reintroduced to cover an area of 192 square meters, so that there would be no nett loss. See proposed site plan.

The site owner tends to leave the occupiers of the caravans control over what plants are provided in the immediate areas adjacent to the base of the caravan, and pot plants are a common feature in such gardens. The provision of such plants in turn tends to attract insects, butterflies and birds and is thus a gain.

As there are hedges and the vegetation to the South West of the overall site it is likely that there will be bats in the locality, and therefore two pole mounted bat roosts can be provided as a further gain.