GREEN INFASTRUCTURE STATEMENT

1-3 Imperial building, King Street, Wrexham

Conversion of first floor into Class C4 HMO and retain shop at ground floor

1. INTRODUCTION.

1.1. This statement provides a Green Infrastructure Assessment for the proposed development at 1-3 Imperial building, King Street, Wrexham and should be read in conjunction with the application documents.

1.2. The property is situated in an urban location and is surrounded on all sides by other buildings.

1.3. The area around the property is laid to hardstanding.

1.4. Guidance stipulates that this statement of green infrastructure should be proportionate to the scale of a development proposal. The proposal is for alterations to the existing building. This statement is therefore considered to have been prepared in a proportionate manner to the scale of the proposed development.

2. PROPOSED WORKS

2.1. The alterations are required to reconfigure the space internally in the commercial premises at first floor into living accommodation - to be suited to modern accommodation standards of living for the occupants.

2.2. The footprint of the development is already in existence and therefore there would be no groundworks and foundations that require the clearance of vegetation from this perspective.

2.3. No mitigation is required as no vegetative materials will require to be removed.

2.4. In order to reduce pollution, local Contractors will be appointed where possible, and within reason, construction materials will be from North Wales/ UK based manufacturers.

2.5. Efforts will be made to improve the sustainability of the whole building, through the introduction of modern insulation and energy efficient internal fittings.

3. BIODIVERSITY ENHANCEMENT MEASURES

3.1. Biodiversity enhancement measures have been incorporated within the scheme proposals and include the following:

- 2 no. nest boxes be installed on the existing building..

3.2. As there is very little disturbance to the green infrastructure on or surrounding the site, the above biodiversity enhancement measures offer a net benefit for biodiversity of the site.

4. SUMMARY

4.1. In Wales the biodiversity duty is set out under Section 6 of the Environment (Wales) Act 2016. It requires public authorities to "seek to maintain and enhance biodiversity in the exercise of its functions in relation to Wales, and in so doing promote the resilience of ecosystems, so far as consistent with the proper exercise of those functions"

4.2. A Green Infrastructure Statement should be proportionate to the scale and nature of the development proposed and will describe how green infrastructure has been incorporated into the proposal. In the case of minor development this should be a short description and is not expected to be an onerous requirement for applicants.

4.3. The Green Infrastructure Statement will be an effective way of demonstrating positive multi-functional outcomes which are appropriate to the site in question and must be used for demonstrating how the stepwise approach has been applied.

4.4. This statement shows the approach taken regarding the green infrastructure of the site and how the ecology will be enhanced and maintained meeting the requirements of the amended Planning Policy Wales.

4.5. We trust the above green infrastructure statement meets with the Local Planning Authority's acceptance and approval.