GREEN INFRASTRUCTURE STATEMENT

Proposed development
Planning permission is sought to convert the existing chapel to 8 Nos. ensuite bedrooms and erect a link extension at Hillbury Care Home. 2 Hillbury Road, Wrexham, LL13 7ET [OS Ref: SJ333493].

A Green Infrastructure Statement is required to support the application.

Proposed measures
The site has existing buildings used as a residential care home, set within landscaped gardens. Numerous trees (both individual trees and small groups/copses), are located on the site. 3 Nos. trees and 1 No. group of shrubs will be removed to facilitate the proposed development.

This 10 year Landscape Management Plan will introduce 1 No. Aspen (*Populus tremula*), 1 No. Crab Apple (*Malus sylvestris* 'John Downie'), 1 No. Hupeh Rowan (*Sorbus hupehensis*), 1 No. Judas Tree (*Cercis siliquastrum*), 1 No. Katsura (*Cercidiphyllum japonicum*), 1 No. Paperbark Maple (*Acer griseum*), 1 No. Prunus Pandora (*Prunus* 'Pandora'), 1 No. Scarlet Oak (*Quercus coccinea*), 1 No. Upright Cherry (*Prunus* 'Amanogawa'), 1 No. Upright Rowan (*Sorbus aucuparia* 'Autumn Spire'), 1 No. Upright Serviceberry (*Amelanchier* x *grandiflora* 'Robin Hill') and 1 No. Upright Sweetgum (*Liquidambar styraciflua* 'Slender Silhouette'). The tree and hedge planting will provide screening, enhance the local aesthetics and provide wildlife benefits.

The new tree planting will help provide screening on the Southeast, South and West of the development site, as well as improving the amenity value, enhancing the wildlife habitat, promoting sustainability and helping to fight climate change. The fruit/berries of the new trees will provide a food source for birds and other wildlife.

The new planting will be carried out in Year 1 (1st planting season after completion of construction activities). If any of the trees fail within the first ten years after planting, replacement trees will be planted to ensure the landscaping plan is fulfilled.

Additional biodiversity enhancements in the form of 1 x woodcrete tree-hollow type bat box (Schwegler 2FN bat box) and a range of 4 x woodcrete bird boxes [26mm diam. hole, 32mm diam. hole, Robin/Wren and open-fronted Blackbird nesting boxes] will be installed in suitable existing mature trees on the site.

A hedgehog house will be installed in the wooded area near the South of the site.

All proposed planting and biodiversity enhancements are detailed in the accompanying Landscape Management Plan.

Conclusion
This statement demonstrates that the framework for implementing the Section 6 Duty, securing a net benefit for biodiversity has been considered and will be implemented should the planning condition be approved and discharged.