

### Summary

Biodiversity Enhancements are recommended.

### Wildlife Issues

As noted at pre-application any disturbance to wildlife would have occurred at site clearance. There is no way of knowing what if any bird or other interest was present. *No further information is required.*

### Contributing to and Enhancing the Natural Environment & Biodiversity Net Gain (BNG)

Section 187 of the NPPF 2024 states that the planning policies and decisions should contribute to and enhance the natural and local environment. 10% BNG is mandatory under Schedule 7A of the Town & Country Planning Act 1990 (as inserted by schedule 14 of the Environment Act 2021).

The development is restricted to what appears from google earth in 2019 to be garden with trees. Wildlife Issues are likely restricted to theoretical loss of bird nesting habitat in the trees removed though it is possible the trees were large enough to provide habitat for other wildlife. I recommend as mitigation/enhancement for potential loss of bird opportunities and loss of trees. Bird boxes could be fixed to the retained trees, with replacement native tree planting along boundaries. *The details can be provided via condition.*