



Ecological Enhancement and Management Plan

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- British Standard 42020 (2013) 'Biodiversity – Code of Practice for Planning and Development'.

Proportionality

The work involved in preparing and implementing all ecological surveys, impact assessments and measures for avoidance, mitigation, compensation and enhancement should be proportionate to the predicted degree of risk to biodiversity and to the nature and scale of the proposed development. Consequently, the decision-maker should only request supporting information and conservation measures that are relevant, necessary and material to the application in question. Similarly, the decision-maker and their consultees should ensure that any comments and advice made over an application are also proportionate.

This approach is enshrined in Government planning guidance, for example, paragraph 174 of the National Planning Policy Framework for England.

The desk studies and field surveys undertaken to provide a preliminary ecological appraisal (PEA) might in some cases be all that is necessary.

(BS 42020, 2013)

In consequence of the scale and intensity of the proposed development, this plan-led report is considered adequate and proportionate. It communicates all relevant information necessary to determine a planning application or support the recommendations for further surveys.

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1.0 Introduction and Context

1.1 Background

Arbtech Consulting Limited was commissioned by United Learning to produce an Ecological Enhancement and Management Plan (EEMP) for a proposed development at William Hulme's Grammar School, Spring Bridge Road, Manchester, M16 8PR (hereafter referred to as "the site").

The site has been subject to previous ecological assessment of relevance to this report, comprising:

- Preliminary Ecological Appraisal (Arbtech, 2024);
- Biodiversity Net Gain Assessment (Arbtech, 2026); and
- BNG Metric (Arbtech, 2026).

1.2 Project Description

The assessment was required to discharge planning condition 9 for application 140594/FO/2024 with Manchester City Council for "erection of a single storey educational (SEND) building and associated external works, together with the provision of multi-use games areas (MUGAs) and removal of temporary accommodation".

1.3 Site Context

The survey site is centred on National Grid Reference SJ 83731 94385, SJ 83663 94276 and SJ 83670 94193. There is a cumulative area of 0.5687ha. The site comprises school building, modified grassland, developed land; sealed surface, and artificial unvegetated, unsealed surface.

1.4 Scope of This Report

Condition 9 reads as follows:

No above ground works, apart from demolition of the existing SEND building, shall not commence until details of biodiversity enhancements (bird boxes and bat bricks), including a timetable for their installation and maintenance regime, have been submitted to and been approved by the City Council as local planning authority. The development shall be carried out in accordance with the agreed details.

The aims of this EEMP are to provide viable species-specific enhancements to ensure gains to biodiversity are achieved as a result of the development. As such, this report aims to provide sufficient detail to support the discharge of planning condition 9.

2.0 Ecological Enhancement and Management Plan

Enhancements of the site and management measures are detailed in **Table 1** below. The proposed enhancements are illustrated on the plan in **Appendix 1**.

Table 1: Enhancement and Management Prescriptions

Ecological Enhancement	Specification
Bird Boxes	2x WoodStone Seville Nest Boxes (or a similar alternative brand) will be installed on retained mature trees on the wider site, as no suitable trees exist within the development areas. The nest boxes will be installed 2-4m high, facing north or east. They will be inspected annually and after any storm events for the lifetime of the development and will be replaced if broken or fallen down.
Bat Boxes	The condition wording requests the provision of bat bricks. However, the new building is single-storey; as such, it will not be suitable for the integration of bat bricks. Instead, 2x Harlech WoodStone Bat Boxes (or a similar alternative brand) will be installed on retained mature trees on the wider site, as no suitable trees exist within the development areas. The nest boxes will be installed 3-5m high, facing south or west. They will be inspected annually and after any storm events for the lifetime of the development and will be replaced if broken or fallen down.

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Appendix 1: Proposed Ecological Enhancements

