

Householder Ecological Enhancements

The delivery of biodiversity enhancement on development sites is promoted by the National Planning Policy Framework (NPPF) and Section 40 of the Natural Environment and Rural Communities (NERC) Act 2006. Where opportunities exist it is best practice to provide enhancement features which encourage greater biodiversity within development sites in accordance with the NPPF and Local Planning Authority's responsibilities under the NERC Act.

Opportunities for enhancement which are proportionate to the scale of householder developments include the provision of bird nesting opportunities and bat roosts. Bird boxes should be located in a sheltered area at least 1m above the ground. Ideally, if a suitable tree or wall is available, the bird box should be 3m above the ground. The RSPB provide a multi-species box design with an adaptable front opening.



Bat boxes should be located in an open, sunny position 3m to 6m above ground level. Nestbox provide an 'Eco' box made from FSC certified strandboard and recycled plastic waste that is suitable for either crevice or cavity roosting bat species.

