

Avonmouth and Kingsweston Neighbourhood Partnership

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Title: Hedgerow Planting on Valerian Close
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RECOMMENDATION -

To ask the S106 officer to un-devolve this S106 funding in order that it can be drawn down to fund the delivery of the hedgerow planting Valerian Close

Background

In October 2011 planning permission was granted for the construction of 34 properties on land at Valerian Close. This development involved the removal of areas of scrub that provided habitat for nesting birds. To mitigate this impact, initial landscape proposals included a new hedgerow along the southern boundary of the development site. However it was then discovered that a retaining wall was needed along this boundary, which would result in insufficient room for the proposed hedgerow. In order to ensure the loss of bird-nesting habitat was still adequately mitigated, a Section 106 contribution of £1,506.46 was secured and received. This was solely towards the provision of compensatory hedgerow planting in the adjacent allotment site.

It was proposed that this Section 106 contribution be used to provide a species rich native hedgerow along the South-east boundary of the adjacent Tyningsfield allotment. The costs associated with this, are as follows:

- Bareroot hedging plants and plant protection materials - £752.75
- Labour costs for planting (Woodland & Wildlife Officer & Blueskys) - £753.71

Due to the need to plant the hedge in the late winter planting season, in tandem with the progression of the development, this project has been implemented. Therefore this report seeks authorisation for the contribution to be removed from the devolved Section 106 funding list to enable it to be drawn down forthwith to fund the hedgerow planting that has taken place.



Tyningsfield Allotment Proposed Native Hedgerow

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