# **Green Roof Plan- PHD Associates**

## **Pre-Start Condition No.11**

'Prior to commencement of development full details of all living roofs (indicated as green roofs on the permitted plans) to be incorporated into the development shall be submitted to and approved in writing by the local planning authority, in line with recommendations for structural and species diversity in the submitted Ecology Statement.'

SITE NAME 52 Holmes Road London, NW5 3AA

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#### 1. SITE DESCRIPTION

The development site is located in the London Borough of Camden, Greater London. It is a rectangular in shape and it has an area of 0.0333ha (333m²) located within a mixed residential and industrial area.

## 2. EXISTING HABITATS

The site comprised the following habitats:

- Building; and
- Hardstanding

#### **Building**

The existing building is a two storey light industrial unit of brick construction with a flat roof. This habitat is deemed to have low ecological value.

#### Hardstanding

An expanse of block paving is situated at the front of the building in the north and the south of the site and forms a car parking area. This habitat is deemed to have no ecological value.

#### 3. PROPOSED HABITATS

Green Roofs

#### **Green Roofs**

The green roof will not only provide visual enhancement to the built environment but also help to provide habitats for invertebrates which in turn will provide foraging opportunities for birds and bats.

A green roof strategy is to be implemented on the roof of the 1<sup>st</sup> and 5<sup>th</sup> floors, with an overall area 31sqm. A variety of plant types will be chosen to provide diverse green space for wildlife habitats and it will allow continuity of green space through urban environments.

### **Green Roof Wildlife Features**

The Bauder XF118 Wildflower Blanket will be implemented onto the green roof. There will be 24 native species of wildflowers and herbs incorporated into the blanket to provide viable and diverse plant community. In order to enhance the value and suitability for invertebrates the green roof will be complimented by:

- Log piles and other deadwood: Logs will vary in size between 100mm, 500mm and 1000mm in length, stacked no more than 350mm high
- Sand and shale mounds: incorporate graded shingle, ordinary sharp sand and builders ballast into substrate elements to create raised mounds of varying height. Avoid fine sand on exposed sites.
- Gravel, stones and rocks: Incorporate these surface features across the roof area.
   Stones should be no greater than 100-150mm and boulders should be grouped together of sizes 400-600mm.

Creating such structural diversity can help to provide the basics that wildlife need including food, shelter and somewhere to breed.

# WILDFLOWER BLANKET XF118

Xero Flor XFI18 wildflower blanket has been developed to meet the growing demand for a native species vegetation blanket to satisfy the requirements of both BREEAM and Sustainable Homes codes. The product utilises the technology and much of the experience that we have gained over the last 15 years in growing and installing sedum-vegetated blankets, and as a result shares many of the benefits of these proven products.

The 24 species of wildflowers and herbs incorporated into the blanket have been selected to provide a viable and vibrant plant community whilst also delivering a range of native species that will be present on most of the biodiversity action plan lists that project-specific ecology reports now demand.

The unique blanket carrier incorporates a polypropylene mesh stitched to a permeable geotextile membrane, which ensures minimum compaction of the blanket substrate whilst allowing the vigorous root growth of the wildflowers to quickly establish into the substrate installed underneath.

Whilst the XFI18 wildflower blanket is always installed as part of an extensive, substrate-based green roof system, the weight of the build-up and its establishment and ongoing maintenance requirements are amongst the lowest for this type of system.

#### **KEY FEATURES**

- Lightweight green roof system, making it ideal for retrofitting on a building or on new build construction.
- Effective solution where BREEAM and Sustainable Homes codes require a biodiversity strategy
- Delivers instant greening of a roof with native species wildflower plants
- Cost effective
- Cradle-to-Cradle certification
- Vegetation blankets are cultivated by Bauder and delivered to site within 24 hours of harvesting

Key to the success of the Bauder XFI18 Wildflower Blanket is whether it is being specified to support the ecology or if its visual appearance will be the primary requirement. If the former is required then a basic level of irrigation and maintenance after installation will be sufficient, and if the latter then a greater level of maintenance and irrigation will be of much assistance in achieving the desired effect.

For further information on the Bauder XF118 Wildflower Blanket please see the Bauder Green Roof Vegetation Installation Guide and the Bauder Extensive Green Roof Maintenance Guide, both of which can be found at www.bauder.co.uk.





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# **XFI 18 WILDFLOWER INDICATIVE SPECIES LIST**

Botanical Name	Height	Blossom	Flowering Season
Achillea millefolium	8-40 cm	White	June-August
Armeria maritima	5-20 cm	Pink	April-October
Bellis perennis	3-12c m	White / Yellow	March-October
Campanula glomerata	3-30 cm	Blue	June-October
Campanula rotundifolia	15 cm	Blue	July-September
Centaurea cyanus	20-50 cm	Blue	June-August
Centaurium erythrea	10-40 cm	Pink	July-August
Dianthus deltoides	15-30 cm	Pink	April-October
Echium vulgare	30-60 cm	Blue	June-September
Galium verum	15-60 cm	Yellow	July-August
Geum rivale	20-40 cm	Pink	April-August
Linaria vulgaris	20-40 cm	Yellow	July-September
Lotus corniculatus	10-20 cm	Yellow	June-September
Lychnis flos-cu-culi	50-60 cm	Pink	May-August
Papaver rhoes	20-60 cm	Red	June-August
Pilosella aurantiaca	20-60 cm	Orange	July-October
Prunella vulgaris	5-20 cm	Purple	June-October
Rhianthos minor	30-50 cm	Yellow	May-August
Saponaria officianalis	20-40 cm	Light Pink	July-September
Scabiosa columbaria	15-50 cm	Blue	July-October
Sedum acre	5-10 cm	White / Yellow	July-August
Silene uniflora	8-25cm	White	June-August
Silene vulgaris	25-50 cm	White	June-August
Thymus polytricus	4-10 cm	Mauve	May-August





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