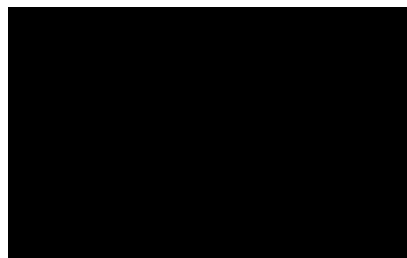
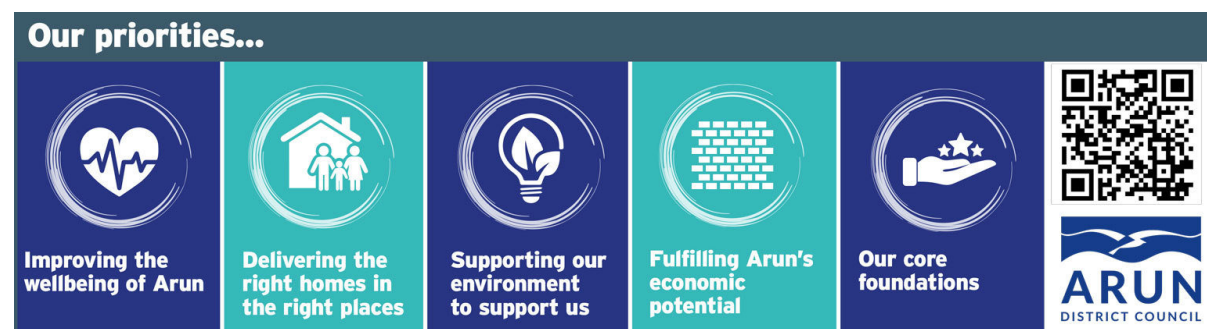


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Land adjacent to Woodgate Nurseries Lidsey Road PO20 3SU.

I have reviewed the Approval of details reserved by condition under AL/70/23/OUT relating to Conditions 9- Reptile Mitigation Strategy, and 10- Landscape and Ecological Management Plan.

The Reptile Mitigation Strategy is acceptable. I recommend discharge of condition 9.

Further clarification is sought regarding the Landscape and Ecological Management Plan. AT reserved matters a Landscape and Ecological Management Plan by the Ecology Co-op was provided. This is dated 12th November 2024. This document goes on to outline site-wide mitigation for habitats and protected species as well as targeted enhancement measures. It includes management objectives, responsibilities and maintenance schedules including remedial responsibilities, should they be necessary. It will be submitted to Arun District Council in order to discharge conditions 9, 10 and 11 of the approved planning application: AL/70/23/OUT. This document covers a period of 30 years.

However, the document provided for this application is a Landscape management plan by Green Landscape Studio Ltd, dated 06/03/26. This management plan is for 5 years with a review following that period. The document has not set out any schedules or timings for the management of the habitats and has not included any plans which makes understanding and relating this document to the post development habitats management and maintenance challenging.

The supporting landscape specification produced by Green Landscape Studio Ltd includes specification for creating wildflower meadows. This sets out using the existing topsoil and regrading. The Soil resource plan recommends using a nutrient poor subsoil for the meadow areas. Topsoil is too nutrient rich for successful establishment of wildflower meadows. Clarification on what soil will be used for the wildflower meadows, and the timings and schedule of maintenance tasks is required before I can recommend discharge of Condition 10.

Regards,

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