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Barnham, Eastergate, Westergate BEW Parcel SC1 Barnham

I have reviewed this application with regards to ecology.

Part of the site is within the Singleton and Cocking Tunnels SAC (12000m) so an appropriate assessment is required.

The current site has been assessed as having a low ecological value due to the arable nature of the habitat.

However, there are water features notably Lidsey Rife and some ponds and there are hedgerows, woodland and reptiles are present.

I see from the landscape strategy that habitat creation includes proposals for sowing a mix of wildflowers onto topsoil.

The scheme could benefit from exposing the chalk on the embankments and letting nature seed the site.

This would save a considerable amount of money and provide a much greater ecological value than the proposed meadow creation.

I welcome the wet woodland and flood meadows.
I advise not planting trees within the meadow areas.

I advise the following conditions:

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Regards,

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