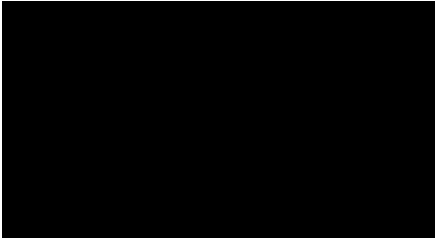


PL- Consultation- Ecology (Biodiversity Net Gain) response



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Rigates Climping Street Climping BN17 5RQ.

I have reviewed this application with regards to ecology and Biodiversity Net Gain.

Recommendation: No objection subject to conditions.

The BNG report and Statutory Metric shows a loss of 3.63% in habitat units. Provision of offsite BNG units is required.

The BNG report and Statutory Metric shows a loss of 3.29% in Hedgerow units. Provision of offsite BNG units is required.

The PEA has assessed impacts of this proposal on protected species. The report identified no impacts to protected species. No further surveys are required.

The PEA by AEWC Ltd dated 08/03/2026, makes recommendations for ecological enhancements in section 6.

Vegetation clearance must be undertaken under a precautionary method statement that minimises risks to great crested newts and reptiles.

Tree T38 proposed for removal was considered to have PRF-I roosting suitability, since the identified features are considered suitable only for opportunistic use by individual bats Therefore, as a precautionary measure, an endoscope inspection immediately prior to removal will be required, followed by soft felling under supervision by a licensed ecologist.

New artificial lighting should be avoided or kept to the minimum necessary, and preferably downlit and on a motion sensor to reduce lighting time.

The woodland should not be illuminated.

I recommend the following conditions:

BNG1

ECOLIGHT2 – only applicable if new lighting is proposed.

PCECOMET1

SPECIES METHOD STATEMENT CONDITION:

PRIOR TO COMMENCEMENT: Great Crested Newt and Reptile METHOD STATEMENT

Prior to any development commencing, a Great Crested Newt and Reptile method statement shall be submitted to and approved in writing by the local planning authority. This will contain precautionary mitigation measures and/or works to reduce potential impacts to Great Crested Newt and Reptiles during the construction phase.

The measures and/works shall be carried out strictly in accordance with the approved details and shall be retained in that manner thereafter.

Reason: To conserve protected and Priority species and allow the local planning authority to discharge its duties under the Conservation of Habitats and Species Regulations 2017 (as amended), the Wildlife & Countryside Act 1981 (as amended) and s40 of the Natural Environment and Rural Communities Act 2006 (Priority habitats & species), and Arun Local Plan policy ENV SP1. This is required to be a pre-commencement condition as otherwise there would be a risk of harm to protected species and their habitat.

Regards,

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