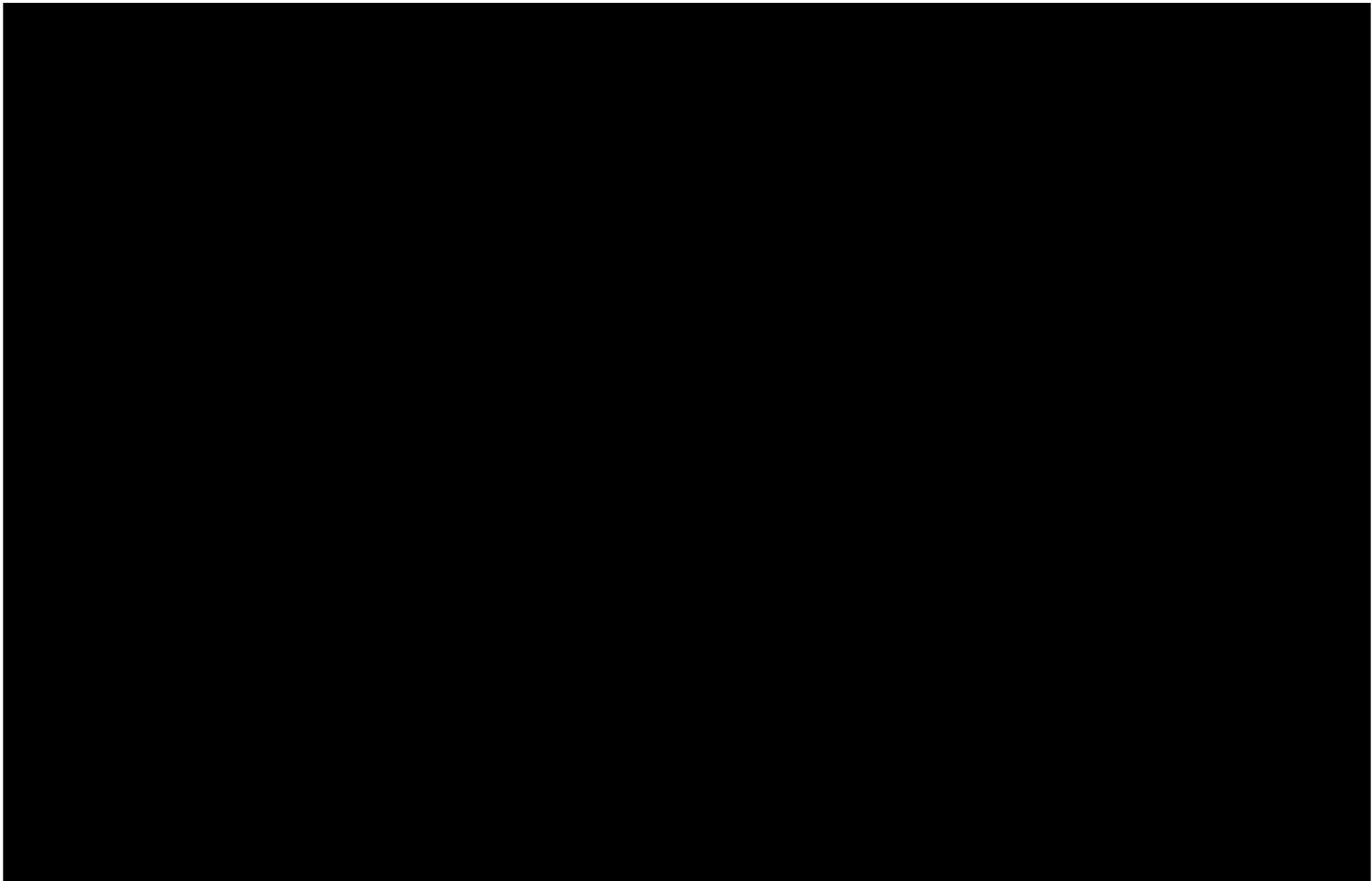




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Amy

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Hi Amy,

Thank you for the photos. The site does lack habitat complexity and appears to be of local ecological value. With that in mind, I am happy we can proceed with the following precautions:

Bats

The lighting scheme for the site will need to take into consideration the presence of bats in the local area and the scheme should minimise potential impacts to any bats using the trees, hedgerows and buildings by avoiding unnecessary artificial light spill through the use of directional light sources and shielding.

Guidance outlined in the new Bats and Lighting Publication produced by the Institution of Lighting Professionals and the Bat Conservation Trust "Guidance Note 08/18 Bats and artificial lighting in the UK Bats and the Built Environment series publication should be adopted into the site plans (http://www.bats.org.uk/news.php/406/new_guidance_on_bats_and_lighting).

Reptiles

To ensure the site remains unsuitable for reptiles, continued management of the site must take place to ensure reptile habitat does not develop onsite. If this is not possible then a precautionary approach should be taken within the site with regards to reptiles. This involves any removal of scrub, grassland or ruderal vegetation to be done sensitively and done with a two phased cut.

Nesting Birds

Any works to the trees or vegetation clearance on the site should only be undertaken outside of the bird breeding season which takes place between 1st March – 1st October. If works are required within this time an ecologist will need to check the site before any works take place (within 24 hours of any work).

Hedgehogs

Any brush, compost and/or debris piles on site could provide shelter areas and hibernation potential for hedgehogs. These piles must be removed outside of the hibernation period mid-October to mid-March inclusive. The piles must undergo soft demolition.

Enhancements and Biodiversity Net Gain

In line with Policy ENV DM5 of the Arun District Local Plan information on Biodiversity Net Gain needs to be provided as part of the planning application prior to determination. Further information is required demonstrating what will be included within the scheme. Examples of what we would be expecting to see include;

- Any trees removed should be replace at a ratio of 2:1
- Wildflower meadow planting used
- Filling any gaps in tree lines or hedgerows with native species
- Bat bricks / tiles are integrated into the buildings onsite facing south/south westerly positioned 3-5m above ground.
- Bird box to be installed on the buildings / and or tree within the garden of the property.
- Grassland areas managed to benefit reptiles.
- Log piles onsite
- We require that gaps are included at the bottom of the fences to allow movement of small mammals across the site
- One hedgehog nesting box included on the site

Thanks,

Jen



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