

Landscape Appraisal

Wadars, Hangleton Lane, Ferring. BN12 6PP

Wadars site lies outside of the South Downs National Park but is within sight of the rich and complex landscape of national importance. The South Downs are characterised by rolling chalk downland with close-cropped turf and dry valley.

Wadars is located to the South of the National Park, on a south facing slope, surrounded by small industrial businesses, stables and occasional dwellings.

The property's site is currently a mix of driveways/parking areas, concrete yards, concrete plinths for former stables, sand ménages, an office building, storage barn, cattery, informal landscaped area, semi-mature trees and a natural grassed sections.

The proposed buildings are mostly located on land that is currently concrete yards and primarily located on sites of previous stable blocks.

New driveways/parking areas are proposed along with footpaths and the whole area is to be sympathetically soft landscaped to appear very natural to the landscape beyond the site.

5no. felling of existing trees is proposed as part of the works. 20no. additional tree will be planted within the site, to include cherry, beech, maple and oak.

In line with the Hedgerow Regulations 1997, the existing small trees and hedgerows around the site will be retained. Boundaries are to be enhanced by a mixed hedgerow of common dogwood, elder, guilder rose and bramble.

Mixed wild flowers will be seeded across the site, to include cowslips, horseshoe vetch, field scabious, knapweed, scarce forester, round-headed rampion and cornfield annuals (all recommended by the Sussex Wildlife Trust).

It is the intension that the new rehoming and wildlife facilities has minimal impact on the existing eco system and wildlife. The open view towards the Downlands to the North are to be retained and the proposals do not impact on the wider Downland landscape.