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42 Sea Lane Ferring BN12 5EH.

I have reviewed this application with regards to ecology.

Recommendation: I recommend holding this application until further details are provided on the ecological value of the site in relation to habitats and species.

No Preliminary Ecological Appraisal (PEA) has been submitted to support this application.

A desktop assessment would show that the site is opposite a designated Local Wildlife Site, Ar20 Goring and Ferring Gap.

And that the site is also within 500m of UK priority habitat Broadleaved woodland.

A bat emergence survey has been undertaken, and no bats were recorded roosting. Bat activity was recorded as low.

The large garden may support other species such as reptiles, nesting birds, and hedgehogs. The proposed development results in the loss of almost all the existing onsite habitat and trees. No onsite mitigation has been provided.

The development proposes to remove 18 individual or groups of trees. The site plans show minimal replacement planting and generic landscaping resulting in an overall loss of biodiversity.

An ecological assessment and biodiversity improvement plan are required before determination of this application.

Regards,

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