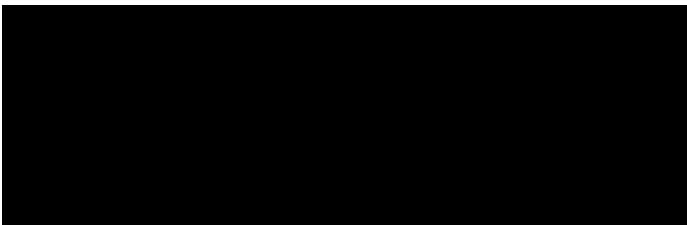


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Land rear of Waterbury House Ford Road Ford BN18 0BH.

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

Recommendation: No objection subject to conditions.

The site is within the Arun Valley SPA Impact Risk Zone 2. However, given the scale and nature of the development an appropriate assessment is not required.

The BNG report shows an increase of 17.22% in habitat units. This exceeds the mandatory 10% required.

The BNG report shows an increase of 63.48% in hedgerow units. This exceeds the mandatory 10% required.

The PEA recommends further protected species surveys for reptiles.

The reptile survey found small populations of common Lizard, slowworm, and grass snake present on the site.

A reptile mitigation strategy is required.

The PEA made recommendations for ecological enhancements including providing nest boxes and bat boxes on the dwellings, deadwood habitat on site close to the boundaries and bee hotels and a hedgehog home.

I advise the following conditions:

BNG1

ECOBNG2 to include the recommendations of the PEA set out in section 10 of the report. We would prefer integrated bat and bird bricks.

ECOLIGHT2

PCREP1

Regards,

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