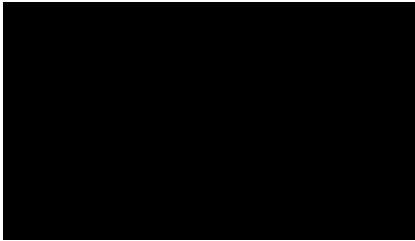


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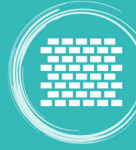
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I have reviewed this application with regards to ecology and Biodiversity Net Gain.

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 site is within a Biodiversity opportunity area. The proposed habitat enhancement is compliant with policy ENV DM3.

The BNG report shows an increase of 10.80% in habitat units. This exceeds the mandatory 10% required.

The BNG report shows an increase of 22.32% in hedgerow units. This exceeds the mandatory 10% required.

The PEA by South Down Ecology dated 24/06/2026 makes recommendations for ecological enhancements in section 8.

I recommend the following conditions:

ECOBNG2 – to include the habitat enhancements and recommendations for bird and bat boxes and log piles in section 8 of the PEA.

Regards,

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