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Environment Agency Ford Depot Station Road Ford BN18 0BH.

I have reviewed this application with regards to ecology.

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 Preliminary Ecological Appraisal (PEA) has assessed impacts of this proposal on protected species. The report identified no impacts to protected species. No further surveys are required.

The PEA by Arbtech dated 11/12/24 makes recommendations for ecological enhancements. These are set out in the sections on bats, hedgehogs, and reptiles. The PEA is more than 18 months old. However, because there has been no material change to the site's habitats and the low suitability of the building for roosting bats an update of the PEA is not required.

I recommend the following conditions:

ECOBNG2 – to include 1 bat box, log piles, hedgehog gaps, and brash piles.

A green roof on the new portacabin would provide additional biodiversity gain.

Regards,

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