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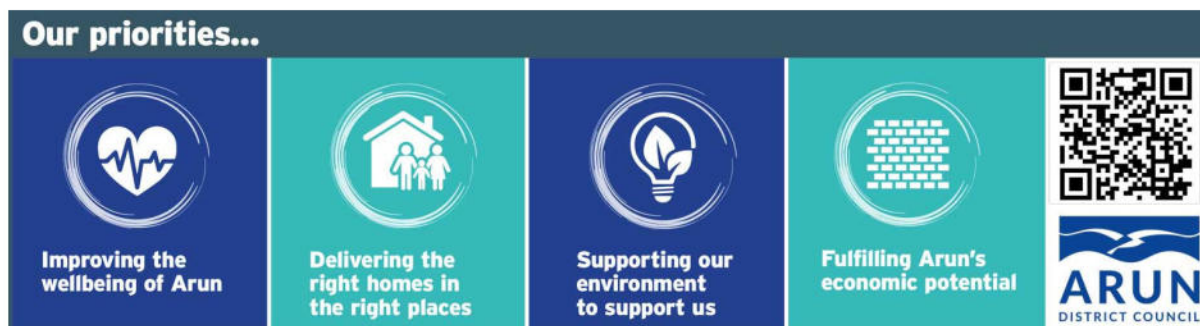
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Land west of Bridge Road Roundabout Littlehampton BN17 5DF.

I have reviewed this application with regards to ecology.

Recommendation: No objection subject to conditions.

The Ecological surveys are several years out of date. Outline decision condition 23 requires up to date monitoring of the water voles prior to commencement and a 5 years monitoring programme of the Saltmarsh for the first 5 years of the development.

Further ecological surveys for Bats, reptiles and breeding and wintering birds are required prior to commencement. This is noted in Section 2.14 of the EIA for LU/238/20/OUT by The Ecology Co Op dated June 2020.

Reptiles were recorded in low numbers across the site. Translocation is proposed to mitigate for the loss of habitat. A reptile mitigation strategy is required.

The tree species may be exposed to salt because of the tidal nature of the River Arun. I suggest reviewing the current species list to ensure they can tolerate the conditions.

The planting meadow mixes are fine.

The hedge mix includes *Berberis vulgaris*, I advise avoiding planting this species as it is invasive. Holly could be used instead.

Any lighting should avoid illuminating the river. Some uplighting and riverside lighting is proposed in the lighting plan. Any lighting scheme should seek to conform with the recommendations of the Institution of Lighting Professionals (ILP) "Guidance Notes for the Reduction of Obtrusive Light" (GN01:2011) and "Bats and Artificial Lighting at Night" (GN08 2023).

Ecological features such as Swift Bricks, bat boxes and hedgehog highways should be included in the development to meet the requirements of Local Plan policy ENVDM5.

I welcome the bird hide.

I recommend the following conditions:

ECOBNG2 – to include Swift bricks at a ratio of 1:1, bat brick at a ratio of 1:2 and hedgehog highways. Additional measures such as Loggeries and hedgehog homes could be included.

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ECOLIGHT2

ECOSURV1

Regards,

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