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Local Centre and Phase 6b Hampton Park Littlehampton.

I have reviewed this application with regards to ecology.

Recommendation: No objection.

The Ecological Impact Assessment (EclA) by ECOSA Ltd dated 25th November 2025 surveyed the site for impacts to protected species.
Further surveys may be required if development does not commence within 18 months of the date of the most recent relevant survey.

The EclA for phase 6 by Ecosa states in para **5.7.5 Enhancement**. As a measure of enhancement, swift nest boxes will be installed into 25% of new residential units. The swift boxes will be installed in groups of four, as close to the eaves of roofs as possible, on the northern and western elevations. Swift boxes should avoid the western elevation as the boxes can overheat.

The National Planning Policy Framework (August 2026), policy N2 Improving the natural environment para 1f and the National Planning Practice Guidance December 2024 Paragraph: 017 Reference ID: 8-017-20250609 advise that integrated nest boxes in developments at a ratio of a minimum of one nest box per unit,
Nine bat tubes are proposed this is acceptable.

The EMMP shows hedgehog gaps between the gardens but access to the wider environment is restricted by the brick walls. Small mammal gaps should be installed in the walls to allow movement of hedgehogs.

Para 5.3.2 of the EMMP should specify that the meadows will be sown into a low nutrient soil.

The proposed planting for the LEAP and the housing is acceptable with regards to ecology. For the LEAP the native hedge should be planted at least one metre away from the fencing because several of the hedging plants have thorns and could become a hazard to children.

Regards,

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