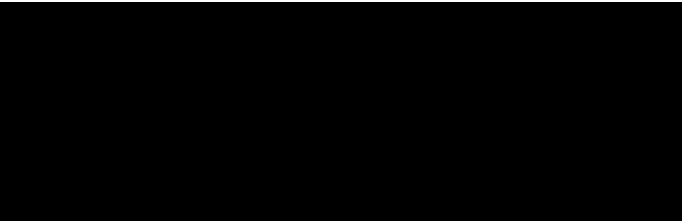


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Westholme Nursery Toddington Lane Littlehampton BN17 7PP.

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

The BNG report and Statutory Metric shows a loss of 65.98% in habitat units. Provision of Offsite BNG units is required.

The BNG report shows an increase of 119.96% in hedgerow units. This exceeds the mandatory 10% required.

The Preliminary Ecological Appraisal has assessed the proposals for impacts to protected species.

The species surveys were undertaken in 2024 and for bats and reptiles these will be out of date by January 2026. Because the site has building that will be demolished and there are suitable habitats for reptiles precautionary Bat and reptile surveys are required at the reserved matters stage.

A bat sensitive lighting scheme is required.

Integral Bat and swift bricks should be installed on the new dwellings at a ratio of 1:1.

I advise the following conditions:

BNG1

ECOLIGHT2

ECOBNG2 – Integral bat and Swift Bricks.

PCECOSURV1 – for bats and reptiles.

Regards,

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