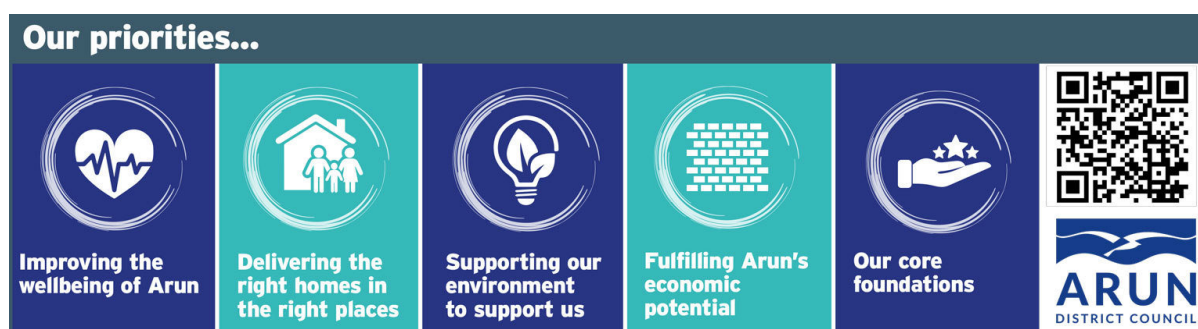


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I have reviewed this application with regards to ecology and Biodiversity Net Gain.

The site is within the Pagham Harbour Zone B. However, given the scale and nature of the development an appropriate assessment is not required.

The BNG report and Statutory Metric shows a loss of -43.44% in habitat units. Provision of offsite BNG units is required.

The BNG report shows an increase of 34.21% in hedgerow units. This exceeds the mandatory 10% required.

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

The EclA by South Downs Ecology dated 15th July 2025, makes recommendations for ecological enhancements in section 8.

These are:

- Integration of at least 1no. bat box into each dwelling;
- Installation of 1no. bird box into each dwelling, preferably a mixture of features suited to swifts, house sparrows and other passerines;
- Any communal or boundary vegetation should consist of native species including fruit or nut producing species for birds;
- Night scented species such as honeysuckle should be planted to gardens, to increase bat foraging potential;
- Addition of bee bricks to the dwellings;
- Planting of native trees and hedges within and between gardens.

I recommend the following conditions:

BNG1

ECOBNG2 – to include the recommendations in section 8 of the EclA.

Regards,

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