

Biodiversity First Impressions Checklist

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SITE: 70 Woodlands Avenue, Rustington

1: Biodiversity Indicators – do any of the following apply to the proposed development?	1a: Answer Yes or No	2: Notes (indicators of:)
Development involves clearance of shrubs/scrub or woodland of more than 100m ²	NO	Nesting birds, dormouse (Waterhall area only), Bats
Modification, conversion, demolition or removal of barns or farm buildings of brick or stone construction, or with exposed wooden beams, whether derelict or in use.	NO	Barn Owl, Bats, Swallow
Removal or modification of hanging tiles or weather boarding on buildings of any age within 50m of woodland or mature trees	NO	Bats
Change to pre 1914 roof structures with opportunities for access into the eaves (missing tiles, cracks in brickwork, missing bricks or missing soffit boards, but not roofs with metal / prefabricated sheet roofs).	NO	Starling Sparrow, swifts, bats
Proposals involving external floodlighting of churches and listed buildings within 50m of a green space or woodland	NO	Bats
Change to derelict areas with exposed soil, brambles, piles of rubble of more than 100m ²	NO	Reptiles (Adder, Viviparous Lizard, Slow-worm),
Application site is inside or within 10m of a site of Special Scientific Interest, Local	NO	Sites designated for their nature conservation importance support a wide variety of nature conservation

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Nature Reserve or Site of Nature Conservation Interest		features. Developments need not be within such sites to affect them. The boundaries of such sites are shown on the development plan proposals map.
Loss or modification of grassland grazed by horses, cattle or sheep	NO	Hornet Robberfly, Red Star-Thistle
Loss of a hedge (including garden hedges) of 10m or more.	NO	Nesting Birds. Dormouse (Waterhall area only)
Mature trees on or overhanging the development site, particularly if these could be described as 'veteran' trees, i.e. have holes, cracks or cavities in larger branches, peeling bark, larger dead branches, or support well established Ivy growth	NO	Bats, Stag Beetle, nesting birds, veteran trees. Trees adjacent to a development may be affected by it
Loss of grassland of more than 100m ² (typically abandoned allotments) which is cut infrequently, or which supports a variety of flowers.	NO	Sunny, open rough grass sites which do not receive regular management often support reptiles, Glow Worm and (on the coast) Hoary Stock. This indicator also detects chalk grassland plant communities.
Any of the following observed on the application site: Narrow pathways passing under thick vegetation or fences; small soil excavations, burrows of a diameter greater than 20cm.	NO	Badger setts can occur almost anywhere. Even single sett entrances benefit from full protection under the Protection of Badgers Act 1992
Ponds of all types (including garden ponds on the application site).	NO	Great Crested Newt (the terrestrial habitat may be inside the development site even if its breeding pond is outside it)