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Croft Works 52 Mill Lane Rustington BN16 3JN.

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

Recommendation: No objection subject to conditions.

A plan of the BNG habitats present on the site is required.

The BNG Small Sites Metric shows an increase of 22.90% in habitat units. This exceeds the mandatory 10% required.

The BNG/biodiversity enhancement statement proposes the following enhancements:

- Tree and shrub planting
- 3 No. hedgehog houses within garden areas
- 3 No. bird nesting boxes installed on suitable buildings or trees
- Small mammal access gaps ("hedgehog highways") incorporated within boundary fencing to allow the movement of hedgehogs and other small mammals between gardens.

This is acceptable.

I advise that the bird boxes are integral swift bricks located facing east on the dwellings. New trees will be too small to support nest boxes.

I recommend the following conditions:

BNG1

ECOBNG2 to include the enhancements proposed in the BNG/biodiversity enhancement statement.

Regards,

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