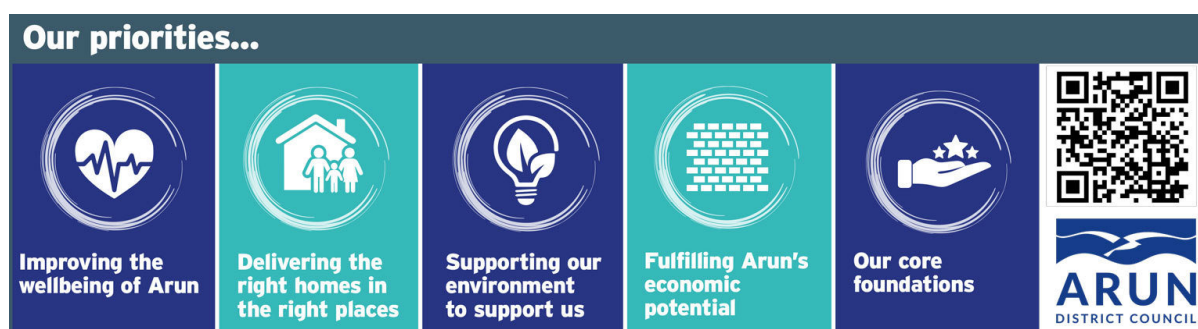


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Cherry Tree Nursery Eastergate Lane Walberton BN18 0BA.

I have reviewed this application with regards to ecology.

Recommendation: No objection subject to conditions.

The site is within the Singleton and Cocking SAC 1200m HRA buffer. However, given the scale and nature of the development an appropriate assessment is not 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 PEA by LHB Ecology dated 28/08/25, makes recommendations for ecological enhancements in section 6.

These include:

- Installation of a bat box on the dwelling or similar bat roosting feature. Bat boxes should be made from woodcrete which is durable and has a long lifespan. Bat boxes must be installed high on the building, close to the eaves and away from artificial sources of light. Bat boxes on trees must be installed ~ 3 m high, facing south or southwest, with a clear flight path to the entrance.
- 2x swift nest boxes. Swift nest boxes are best positioned under the eaves or on walls facing north, northeast or north-west out of direct sunlight, five metres above the ground, with clear adjacent airspace so swifts can access them in a high-speed direct flight.
- New native tree and shrub planting.

I recommend the following conditions:

ECOBNG2 to include the recommendations in section 6 of the PEA.

If new external lighting is proposed Condition ECOLIGHT2 should be applied.

Regards,

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