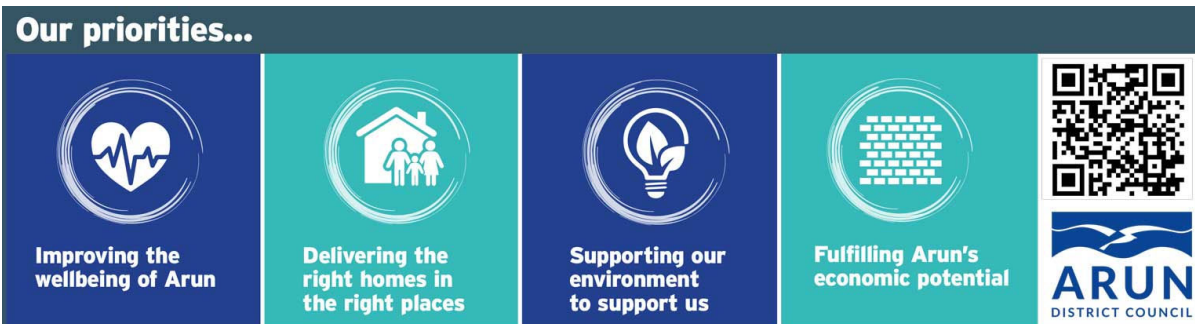


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Stoney Brook Farm Eastergate lane Walberton BN18 0BA.

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. An appropriate assessment may be required.

However, given the application is for conversion of an existing building and is small scale in nature an AA is unlikely to be required in this case.

A bat roost assessment was undertaken in April and 3 emergence surveys were undertaken between May and July 2024.

The roost assessment found evidence of droppings in building B1. The bat emergence survey did not identify any bats emerging from the building.

A historical bat roost is present in the building B1. A bat licence is required as works are proposed to the roof which could cause disturbance.

A little owl was recorded foraging in the vicinity of the buildings.

The PEA has assessed the proposals for impacts to protected species. Apart from the historic bat roost and the little owl activity the compost heaps onsite could be used by grass snakes.

The PEA makes a number of recommendations.

'An integrated bat roost cavity wall box is recommended to be provided on the gable ends of the new dwelling, to provide an ecological enhancement for roosting bats. Integrated bat boxes are recommended to be sited high (4m) on a gable end and face south, west, or east, to provide connectivity to suitable foraging and commuting habitats i.e. trees and hedgerows'.

Log piles or new compost heaps should be created if applicable.

A bat friendly lighting scheme is recommended.

I advise the following conditions.

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Regards,

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