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SITE:

SLINDON ESTATE
SOUTHERN GATEWAY
[NATIONAL TRUST],
SLINDON, WEST SUSSEX.
BN18 0SG

PROJECT:

RESTORATION OF
GATEWAY AND
ASSOCIATED WORKS,
PROPOSED FENCING &
PEDESTRIAN
CROSSOVER

2400/21/ECO

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THE OLD COACH HOUSE
78 LOWER STREET
PULBOROUGH
WEST SUSSEX RH20 2AA

ECOSYSTEMS STATEMENT



RICS




Constructionline
A UKAS ISO 9001:2015 CERTIFIED FIRM



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1.0 INTRODUCTION

- 1.1 This statement outlines how the proposed development impacts on the natural environment in terms of contributing goods and services as highlighted in the **South Downs Local Plan 'Core Policy SD2: Ecosystems Services'**.
- 1.2 This statement should be read in conjunction with all other application documents including; drawings, application forms and supporting statements / reports

2.0 ECOSYSTEM SERVICES

[a] Sustainably manage land and water environments;

- 2.1 No proposal / adverse impact

[b] Protect and provide more, better and joined up habitats;

- 2.2 New / improved grassland / meadow provided at the front of the site is set to create a **Biodiversity Net Gain**.

[c] Conserve water resources and improve water quality;

- 2.3 No proposal / adverse impact

[d] Manage and mitigate the risk of flooding;

- 2.4 No proposal / adverse impact

[e] Improve the National Parks resilience to and mitigation of, climate change;

- 2.5 No proposal / adverse impact

[f] Increase the ability to store carbon through new planting or other means;

- 2.6 No proposal / adverse impact

[g] Conserve and enhance soils, use soils sustainably and protect the best and most versatile agricultural land;

- 2.7 No proposal / adverse impact

[h] Support the sustainable production and use of food, forestry and raw materials;

2.8 No proposal / adverse impact

[i] Reduce levels of pollution

2.9 No proposal / adverse impact

[j] Improve opportunities for peoples' health and wellbeing;

2.10 The proposal has the potential to improve 'wellbeing' in terms of both;

- Usability – providing defined, designated, safe pedestrian routes / crossing and;
- Aesthetics – improving the appearance of the gateway with the installation of the new gates and returning the front of the gateway to grass meadow.

[k] Provide opportunities for access to the natural and cultural resources which contribute to the special qualities;

2.11 Altering and improving the bridleway will make it easier and safer to use. In addition, restoring the grade 2 listed structure and surrounding area will ensure its long term survival, allowing future generations to continue to enjoy the local heritage.