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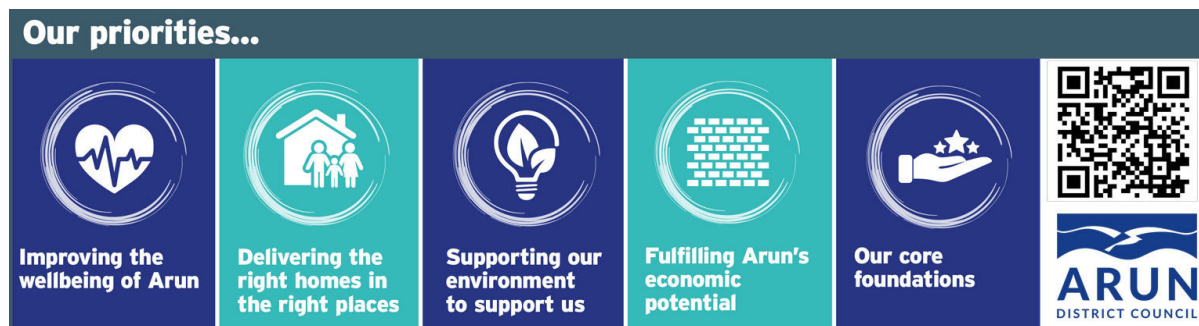
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Stoneybrook Farm Eastergate Lane Walberton BN18 0BA.

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. 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.

Recommendations to improve habitats for biodiversity at the site and include:

- Enhancement of species poor modified grassland to a native species rich other neutral grassland around the periphery of the site (i.e. less intensively managed buffer strip).
- Tree planting (x 12 small trees), to consider species such as English oak *Quercus robur*, native wild cherry *Prunus avium*, silver birch *Betula pendula*, field maple *Acer campestre*, crab apple *Malus sylvestris*, holly *Ilex aquifolium*, hawthorn *Crataegus monogyna*. The species will be selected by the client and landscaping team and specified within the landscape plan.

To provide habitats for notable species recorded at the site and/or close to the site, the following enhancements are recommended:

- A little owl nest box is recommended to be provisioned on a large willow tree (located at the site entrance). Little owl was confirmed present at the site.

Bat sensitive lighting is advised.

These recommendations are consistent with Policy ENV DM5.

Regards,

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