

ECOSYSTEM SERVICES STATEMENT



Section 73 application.

Variation of condition 17 of approval ref. SDNP/53228 to allow flexible commercial use (new Class E) at Barns at Buckmore Farm, Beckham Lane, Petersfield, GU32 3BU

This Ecosystem Services Statement (ESS) has been prepared by Advoco Planning and is to support a s.73 application as described above.

This ESS has been prepared having given full consideration to the technical guidance notes for both non-householder developments and householder developments, the latter being useful inasmuch as it includes a table which might form the basis of any subsequent assessment. The guidance produced is largely non-prescriptive in terms of format but does make clear that the assessment should be commensurate with the scale and nature of development proposed.

In this regard, no operational development is proposed and therefore many of the assessment areas are effectively neutral. Where this is so that is stated and the temptation for creative writing has been resisted.

The format will take SDNP Policy SD2 and apply a commentary (in italics) in relation to each of its criteria, as follows:-

Compliance	Policy SD2 criterion
Neutral.	a) Sustainably manage land and water environments;
Neutral. No material intensification of use is anticipated	b) Protect and provide more, better and joined up natural habitats;
Neutral.	c) Conserve water resources and improve water quality;
Neutral.	d) Manage and mitigate the risk of flooding;
The proposal will improve the employment offer on the site in a recognized employment area in a sustainable location.	e) Improve the National Park's resilience to, and mitigation of, climate change;
Neutral.	f) Increase the ability to store carbon through new planting or other means;
Neutral.	g) Conserve and enhance soils;
Neutral.	h) Support the sustainable production and use of food, forestry and raw materials;

As a sustainable employment location allowing greater flexibility allows improved occupancy which in turn limits travel.	i) Reduce levels of pollution;
New Use Class E will potentially allow well being type uses which would contribute to meeting criterion j.	j) Improve opportunities for peoples' health and wellbeing;
Largely neutral although more flexible uses allow a potentially greater and wider range of user groups to appreciate the listed building.	k) Provide opportunities for access to the natural and cultural resources which contribute to the special qualities.