

Retrospective Application for Woodcock Cottage, Offham Ecosystem Services Statement

Policy SD2 of the SDLP states that:

“Development proposals will be permitted where they have an overall positive impact on the ability of the natural environment to contribute goods and services. This will be achieved through the use of high quality design, and by delivering all opportunities to:

- a) Sustainably manage land and water environments;*
- b) Protect and provide more, better and joined up natural habitats;*
- c) Conserve water resources and improve water quality;*
- d) Manage and mitigate the risk of flooding;*
- e) Improve the National Park’s resilience to, and mitigation of, climate change;*
- f) Increase the ability to store carbon through new planting or other means;*
- g) Conserve and enhance soils;*
- h) Support the sustainable production and use of food, forestry and raw materials;*
- i) Reduce levels of pollution;*
- j) Improve opportunities for peoples’ health and wellbeing; and*
- k) Provide opportunities for access to the natural and cultural resources which contribute to the special qualities.”*

The following Ecosystem Services actions have been incorporated into the design of the alterations to the property:-

ECOSYSTEM SERVICES ACTION	POLICY SD2 CRITERION
1. Planting to the rear garden enhanced to encourage wildlife species, particularly butterflies, bees and insects.	A, B, D, F, G, J
2. Woodburner installed to outbuilding to provide eco-friendly heating method to home-working space	E, H, I, J
3. New kitchen layout allows for refuse sorting of kitchen waste and use of composting	A, G, I
4. The quality and daylighting levels to the property’s internal spaces has been improved, thereby reducing energy consumption, use of electric lighting, etc	E, J