

## Ecosystem Services Statement

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**Conversion and Extension of Stables to one-bedroom Holiday Let**



### Introduction

The SDNPA requires that an Ecosystem Services Statement be submitted with every planning application as required by the SDNPA Local Requirements List July 2019 (extract in first table below) and adopted Local Plan policy SD2.

Information Required	Types of application/development for which the information is required	Submission South Downs Local Plan Policy Reference & links to national policy / guidance
Ecosystem Services Statement	All applications	Policy SD2: Ecosystem Services (& Explanatory text 4.12 4.17 & Figure 4.2) Ecosystem Services Guidance Note (Householder) Ecosystem Service Guidance Note (All other applications)

The SDNPA's requirement recognises that the requirement for the preparation and scope of such a statement should be proportionate to the impact of the proposed scheme. The following is therefore an Ecosystem Services Assessment of this application.

### Ecosystem Services Assessment

Policy SD2	Ecosystem Services Actions
1. 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	The proposed holiday let has no adverse impact on the ability of the natural environment to contribute to goods and services.  <b>Outcome: neutral if not positive</b>
a) delivering all opportunities to sustainably manage land and water environments;	There is no water environment to be managed.  <b>Outcome: positive</b>
b) delivering all opportunities to protect and provide more, better and joined up natural habitats;	No natural habitats are affected as a result of the conversion of the stables to a one-bedroom holiday let.  <b>Outcome: positive in that no harm is caused</b>

c) delivering all opportunities to conserve water resources and improve water quality;	There is no existing water resource to conserve. <b>Outcome: neutral</b>
d) delivering all opportunities to manage and mitigate the risk of flooding;	There is no flood risk to manage and mitigate. <b>Outcome: neutral or positive</b> depending on your point of view about there being no flood risk to start with.
e) delivering all opportunities to improve the National Park's resilience to, and mitigation of, climate change;	There is no opportunity to do this and therefore the proposal would not lessen the National Park's resilience. <b>Outcome: neutral</b>
f) delivering all opportunities to increase the ability to store carbon through new planting or other means;	The proposed conversion of the stables to a holiday let does not involve any new planting. However, there is existing soft landscaping around the proposed holiday let which is yet to mature and therefore this could capture carbon. <b>Outcome: neutral - positive</b>
g) delivering all opportunities to conserve and enhance soils, use soils sustainably and protect the best and most versatile agricultural land;	The development will not affect soil capable of being preserved and thus development is a sustainable use of the site' soils. <b>Outcome: positive</b>
h) delivering all opportunities to support the sustainable production and use of food, forestry and raw materials;	The proposals involve a small element of new built form and therefore there is an opportunity to support the sustainable production and use of food, forestry and raw materials. <b>Outcome: positive</b>
i) delivering all opportunities to reduce levels of pollution;	The proposed conversion of the stables to the holiday let will not increase pollution. The holiday let is sustainably located near an extensive public rights of way network and therefore will help to reduce the reliance on a private car, and may reduce pollution. <b>Outcome: positive</b>
j) delivering all opportunities to improve opportunities for peoples' health and wellbeing;	The extensive public rights of way network in the surrounding area provides opportunities for tourists to enjoy the special qualities of the National Park whilst improving their health and wellbeing. <b>Outcome: positive</b>

k) delivering all opportunities to provide opportunities for access to the natural and cultural resources which contribute to the special qualities.	Not applicable.  <b>Outcome: positive</b>
2. Development proposals must be supported by a statement that sets out how the development proposal impacts, both positively and negatively, on ecosystem services.	See above.

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