

ECOSYSTEM SERVICES STATEMENT

Proposed outbuilding change of use to holiday let, Pellbrook House, The Drove, Hamsey, BN8 5TA

This statement reviews the potential of the development to have an overall positive impact on the natural environment to contribute goods and services.

SDNPA Local Plan Policy

Core Policy SD2 of the South Downs Local Plan (2019) requires applicants to consider the landscape and environment in terms of its functions and the wider benefits it provides. The proposed development responds to the criteria set out in Policy SD2 as follows:

<u>Ecosystem services actions</u>	<u>Policy SD2 criterion</u>
Installation of rainwater collection butts to the existing guttering.	A
Building will be plumbed into it's own fresh water well.	C
The change of use will only require minor internal alterations to the site, and no additional groundwork will be required to achieve these alterations.	B, D, G, I
The proposed Holiday Let will enable people to visit and have access to the surrounding area and countryside via footpaths along the river Ouse and up onto the downs and the South Downs Way.	J, K

Key to references:

- A. Sustainably manage land and water environments
- B. Protect and provide more, better and joined up habitats
- C. Conserve water resources and improve water quality
- D. Manage and mitigate the risk of flooding
- E. Improve the National Parks 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 well being
- K. Provide opportunities for access to the natural and cultural resources which contribute to the special qualities

CONCLUSION

On the above basis, the proposed development meets all the relevant criteria set out in Local Plan Policy SD2.