

Ecosystem Services Statement

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Windmill Farm, Holding Lane, Beauworth, Alresford,
SO24 0PB

Various alterations including the construction of porches, insertion of a window, replacement of a window with French doors, installation of solar panels, the erection of a greenhouse and associated works



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 2.

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	<p>The proposed alterations, porches and greenhouse have no adverse impact on the ability of the natural environment to contribute to goods and services.</p> <p>The proposed solar panels have a positive impact on utilising the natural environment to provide sustainable energy.</p> <p>Outcome: positive</p>

a) delivering all opportunities to sustainably manage land and water environments;	There is no water environment to be managed. Outcome: positive
b) delivering all opportunities to protect and provide more, better and joined up natural habitats;	No natural habitats are affected. Outcome: positive in that no harm is caused
c) delivering all opportunities to conserve water resources and improve water quality;	There is no existing water resource to conserve. Outcome: neutral
d) delivering all opportunities to manage and mitigate the risk of flooding;	There is no flood risk to manage and mitigate. Outcome: neutral or positive 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;	The proposals include the provision of solar panels which provide an opportunity to improve the National Park's resilience to, and mitigation of climate change through the use of renewable energy. Therefore the proposal would contribute towards the National Park's resilience. Outcome: positive
f) delivering all opportunities to increase the ability to store carbon through new planting or other means;	The proposed greenhouse due to its nature can capture and store carbon in the plants being grown in it. Outcome: positive
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 Outcome: positive
h) delivering all opportunities to support the sustainable production and use of food, forestry and raw materials;	The proposals will utilise high-quality materials from sustainable sources. Outcome: positive
i) delivering all opportunities to reduce levels of pollution;	The proposals will not create pollution. Outcome: positive
j) delivering all opportunities to improve opportunities for peoples' health and wellbeing;	The greenhouse would add to the applicants' enjoyment of the property. It would encourage a sustainable lifestyle as it would help enable the growth of home grown fruit and vegetables. Outcome: positive
k) delivering all opportunities to provide opportunities for access to the natural and cultural resources which contribute to the special qualities.	Not applicable Outcome: positive
2. Development proposals must be supported by a statement that sets out how the development proposal	See above

impacts, both positively and negatively, on ecosystem services.	
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