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ECOSYSTEM SERVICES STATEMENT

MOORHEN FARM
MOORHEN TROUT FISHERY
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It should be stated at the outset of this report that the owners are running a fishery business which they purchased some fifteen years and have improved. More recently they purchased the adjoining woodland which includes a pond and a continuation of the river Meon which runs alongside their site.

It should be noted that the area had not been maintained for many years and was in a poor state with fallen trees and other trees in bad shape and collapsed within the pond.

There is now a management system underway to re-establish the paths, one running alongside the river, remove trees in a dangerous state or partial collapse including those alongside the main A32 road.

To support all that, the business must be viable, and diversification is part of that process. The current shed which is used principally for storage will simply be replaced on the same site using locally sourced timber but have a different layout and this will include an area for bee-keeping and another area will be used as a smokery for the fishery. The remainder of the shed will be a storage/workshop area. This will enable the bee element to be increased to provide a better habitat for the future. The other elements will make it easier to manage the now enlarged site and provide an improved landscape.

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