

ECO SYSTEM STATEMENT

TO SUPPORT A PART RETROSPECTIVE PLANNING APPLICATION TO RETAIN A CONVERTED PORTION OF REDUNDANT STABLES INTO A GOLF SIMULATION ROOM AT

SPATHAM FARM COTTAGE, SPATHAM LANE, WESTMESTON. BN6 8XH

Eco-system statement to comply with policy SD2

PREAMBLE

Spatham Farm Cottage is a Grade II Listed Building on the East side of Spatham Lane, Westmeston.

The application does NOT involve any excavations or construction.

Sustainably manage land and water environs

The application does not seek to change the currently managed sustainable land and water environs.

Protect and provide more and better joined up habitats

The application does not seek to enclose any part of the application site.

The site has been in its present use for more than twelve years.

Conserve water resources and improve water quality

The application does not seek to extend the present water service on the site.

Water is only used for drinking and toilet facilities.

Manage and mitigate the risk of flooding

The site is NOT in a Flood Risk Area.

All existing paths and parking areas have a permeable surface.

Improve the National Parks resilience to, and mitigation of, climate change

The application will not have a detrimental impact on the present situation.

Increase the ability to store carbon through new planting or other means

This application does not seek to increase or remove the number of already established trees and shrubs that are currently to be found on site.

The application will not change the present situation in any way.

Conserve and enhance soils

The application does not seek approval to undertake any excavation.

Support the sustainable use of food, forestry and raw materials

The site has an established small vegetable growing area, which the owners are considering enlarging.

Reduce levels of pollution

The levels of pollution will not be affected by the application.

Improve opportunities for peoples health and well being

It has been well established that the facilities provided by the golf simulation room clearly have a benefit to user's wellbeing, especially their mental wellbeing.

Provide opportunities for access to the natural and cultural resources which contribute to the special qualities of the National Park

Access to the myriad of footpaths and bridleways will not be compromised in any way by the proposals of this application.