



# LECONFIELD ESTATES

## Market Square Showrooms

Dividing the existing single showroom into two separate showrooms

### Ecosystems Service Statement

**December 2023**

## Policy Background

Applications for development within the SDNP must be accompanied by an Ecosystems Services Statement, demonstrating compliance with policy SD2 of the SDNP Local Plan. Proposals must demonstrate that they will have a positive impact on the natural environment. Such positive impacts will be achieved through a well-considered approach to the design. The full wording of policy SD2 is as follows:

### Core Policy SD2: Ecosystem Services

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 delivering all opportunities to:

- a) Sustainably manage land and water environments;
- b) Protect and provide more, better and joined up natural habitats;
- c) Conserve water resources and improve water quality;
- d) Manage and mitigate the risk of flooding;
- e) Improve the National Park's 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, use soils sustainably and protect the best and most versatile agricultural land;
- 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 wellbeing;
- k) Provide opportunities for access to the natural and cultural resources which contribute to the special qualities.

## **Ecosystem Services Actions**

The proposal has been sensitively conceived, in accordance with policy SD2, the following factors have been taken into consideration (reference is made to the specific parts of the policy):

- A. The proposed alterations will not have any adverse impact on the management of the land and water environments
  
- I. The site is located centrally to Petworth and within close proximity to other businesses reducing noise and light pollution by focusing development in one location
  
- J. The site is sustainably located within the town centre and close to local amenities and facilities
  
- K. Anyone utilising the unit would have easy access to natural and cultural resource with the Park and Petworth

## **Conclusion**

This Ecosystems Services Assessment Report demonstrates that the proposed alterations fully complies with Policy SD2 of the Adopted South Downs Local Plan 2019.