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 use only**

Application no.

Date received

Fee received

## Application for Planning Permission

### Town and Country Planning Act 1990 (as amended)

#### Publication of applications on planning authority websites

Please note that the information provided on this application form and in supporting documents may be published on the Authority's website. If you require any further clarification, please contact the Authority's planning department.

### Site Location

**Disclaimer:** We can only make recommendations based on the answers given in the questions.

If you cannot provide a postcode, the description of site location must be completed. Please provide the most accurate site description you can, to help locate the site - for example "field to the North of the Post Office".

Number

Suffix

Property Name

Gilletts Farm

Address Line 1

Lane To Gilletts Farm

Address Line 2

Address Line 3

Devon

Town/city

Yarcombe

Postcode

EX14 9AZ

Description of site location must be completed if postcode is not known:

Easting (x)

326268

Northing (y)

107461

Description

## Applicant Details

### Name/Company

Title

Mr

First name

Simon

Surname

Schwerdt

Company Name

### Address

Address line 1

Gilletts Farm

Address line 2

Yarcombe

Address line 3

Town/City

Honiton

County

Devon

Country

United Kingdom

Postcode

EX14 9AZ

Are you an agent acting on behalf of the applicant?

Yes

No

### Contact Details

Primary number

\*\*\*\*\* REDACTED \*\*\*\*\*

Secondary number

\*\*\*\*\* REDACTED \*\*\*\*\*

Fax number

Email address

\*\*\*\*\* REDACTED \*\*\*\*\*

## Site Area

What is the measurement of the site area? (numeric characters only).

630.00

Unit

Sq. metres

## Description of the Proposal

Please note in regard to:

- **Fire Statements** - From 1 August 2021, planning applications for buildings of over 18 metres (or 7 stories) tall containing more than one dwelling will require a 'Fire Statement' for the application to be considered valid. There are some exemptions. [View government planning guidance on fire statements](#) or [access the fire statement template and guidance](#).
- **Permission In Principle** - If you are applying for Technical Details Consent on a site that has been granted Permission In Principle, please include the relevant details in the description below.
- **Public Service Infrastructure** - From 1 August 2021, applications for certain public service infrastructure developments will be eligible for faster determination timeframes. See help for further details or [view government planning guidance on determination periods](#).

### Description

Please describe details of the proposed development or works including any change of use

New wildlife pond creation under a Defra scheme called Farming in Protected Landscapes (FIPL). Location:

<https://what3words.com/blissful.sisters.mammals>

Design Statement:

Nature Recovery & Habitat Enhancement Consultancy

Proposal for:

Lower Wildlife Pond Creation

This new pond creation will enhance local flora and fauna, creating a resilient ecosystem by boosting local biodiversity, and greatly improve wildlife connectivity.

It will support the natural environment through natural flood management, with the purpose only to benefit wildlife and people's connection with wildlife. The proposed area seems wet throughout the year and the several test holes that have been excavated remain full of water.

This pond supports DEFRA's Farming in Protected Landscapes scheme, namely conserving wildlife, and delivery of wildlife benefits. There will be no negative or detrimental effect on the local wildlife, trees or neighbouring properties nor will it harm the character or appearance of the existing landscape. Therefore, making a positive contribution to enhance the biodiversity interests of the area.

This project will also contribute to regional and national targets for the Pond Habitat Action Plan, Rewilding Devon, and The Million Ponds Project.

It is proposed to create the new wildlife pond to around 450-650m<sup>2</sup>, measuring 35m at its longest and 18m its widest points. The pond should be profiled with marginal areas suitable for marginal aquatic plant colonisation, graded at approx. 10° from the outside edge and to an average depth of 0.33m, this should then fall to a gradient of approx. 18° to an average depth of 1m (depending on spoil conditions & possible ground water ingress), with final fall of 30° for deeper areas up to 2m. Marginal areas should range in width from around 0.5m to 2.5m creating a perimeter for marginal aquatic planting, also appropriate for wildlife to migrate to and from. Any excavated material should remain on site, carefully scraped, and set aside to retain natural seeds, and spoil used to create necessary retaining bankside on lower edge. The perimeter edging and marginal areas of the pond should be overlaid with removed subsoil to a depth of between 150mm & 200mm suitable for marginal macrophyte growth.

Removed topsoil (approx. 200mm depth) should be used for overlaying any perimeter bank, however, positioned >2m away from proposed pond edging. This will mitigate risk of high nutrient soil creating adverse water quality conditions and also create less favourable conditions for invasive macrophyte growth such as the dock, nettle, and bramble.

Has the work or change of use already started?

Yes

No

## Existing Use

Please describe the current use of the site

It is a wet scrub corner of an existing pasture field, with sedge reed, rough coarse grass, bog willow and bramble. The field is grazed by dairy cattle in the summer and sheep in the winter with this wet area fenced off from the livestock.

Is the site currently vacant?

Yes

No

If Yes, please describe the last use of the site

Agricultural

When did this use end (if known)?

dd/mm/yyyy

**Does the proposal involve any of the following? If Yes, you will need to submit an appropriate contamination assessment with your application.**

Land which is known to be contaminated

- Yes  
 No

Land where contamination is suspected for all or part of the site

- Yes  
 No

A proposed use that would be particularly vulnerable to the presence of contamination

- Yes  
 No

## Materials

Does the proposed development require any materials to be used externally?

- Yes  
 No

## Pedestrian and Vehicle Access, Roads and Rights of Way

Is a new or altered vehicular access proposed to or from the public highway?

- Yes  
 No

Is a new or altered pedestrian access proposed to or from the public highway?

- Yes  
 No

Are there any new public roads to be provided within the site?

- Yes  
 No

Are there any new public rights of way to be provided within or adjacent to the site?

- Yes  
 No

Do the proposals require any diversions/extinguishments and/or creation of rights of way?

- Yes  
 No

## Vehicle Parking

Does the site have any existing vehicle/cycle parking spaces or will the proposed development add/remove any parking spaces?

- Yes  
 No

## Trees and Hedges

Are there trees or hedges on the proposed development site?

- Yes  
 No

And/or: Are there trees or hedges on land adjacent to the proposed development site that could influence the development or might be important as part of the local landscape character?

- Yes  
 No

**If Yes to either or both of the above, you may need to provide a full tree survey, at the discretion of the local planning authority. If a tree survey is required, this and the accompanying plan should be submitted alongside the application. The local planning authority should make clear on its website what the survey should contain, in accordance with the current 'BS5837: Trees in relation to design, demolition and construction - Recommendations'.**

## Assessment of Flood Risk

Is the site within an area at risk of flooding? (Check the location on the Government's [Flood map for planning](#). You should also refer to national [standing advice](#) and your local planning authority requirements for information as necessary.)

- Yes  
 No

Is your proposal within 20 metres of a watercourse (e.g. river, stream or beck)?

- Yes  
 No

Will the proposal increase the flood risk elsewhere?

- Yes  
 No

How will surface water be disposed of?

- Sustainable drainage system  
 Existing water course  
 Soakaway  
 Main sewer  
 Pond/lake

## Biodiversity and Geological Conservation

**Is there a reasonable likelihood of the following being affected adversely or conserved and enhanced within the application site, or on land adjacent to or near the application site?**

**To assist in answering this question correctly, please refer to the help text which provides guidance on determining if any important biodiversity or geological conservation features may be present or nearby; and whether they are likely to be affected by the proposals.**

a) Protected and priority species

- Yes, on the development site  
 Yes, on land adjacent to or near the proposed development  
 No

b) Designated sites, important habitats or other biodiversity features

- Yes, on the development site  
 Yes, on land adjacent to or near the proposed development  
 No

c) Features of geological conservation importance

- Yes, on the development site  
 Yes, on land adjacent to or near the proposed development  
 No

### Supporting information requirements

Where a development proposal is likely to affect features of biodiversity or geological conservation interest, you will need to submit, with the application, sufficient information and assessments to allow the local planning authority to determine the proposal.

Failure to submit all information required will result in your application being deemed invalid. It will not be considered valid until all information required by the local planning authority has been submitted.

Your local planning authority will be able to advise on the content of any assessments that may be required.

### Foul Sewage

Please state how foul sewage is to be disposed of:

- Mains sewer
- Septic tank
- Package treatment plant
- Cess pit
- Other
- Unknown

Other

N/A

Are you proposing to connect to the existing drainage system?

- Yes
- No
- Unknown

### Waste Storage and Collection

Do the plans incorporate areas to store and aid the collection of waste?

- Yes
- No

Have arrangements been made for the separate storage and collection of recyclable waste?

- Yes
- No

### Trade Effluent

Does the proposal involve the need to dispose of trade effluents or trade waste?

- Yes
- No

### Residential/Dwelling Units

Does your proposal include the gain, loss or change of use of residential units?

- Yes
- No

## All Types of Development: Non-Residential Floorspace

Does your proposal involve the loss, gain or change of use of non-residential floorspace?

Note that 'non-residential' in this context covers all uses except Use Class C3 Dwellinghouses.

Yes

No

## Employment

Are there any existing employees on the site or will the proposed development increase or decrease the number of employees?

Yes

No

## Hours of Opening

Are Hours of Opening relevant to this proposal?

Yes

No

## Industrial or Commercial Processes and Machinery

Does this proposal involve the carrying out of industrial or commercial activities and processes?

Yes

No

Is the proposal for a waste management development?

Yes

No

## Hazardous Substances

Does the proposal involve the use or storage of Hazardous Substances?

Yes

No

## Site Visit

Can the site be seen from a public road, public footpath, bridleway or other public land?

Yes

No

If the planning authority needs to make an appointment to carry out a site visit, whom should they contact?

The agent

The applicant

Other person



## Pre-application Advice

Has assistance or prior advice been sought from the local authority about this application?

- Yes  
 No

**If Yes, please complete the following information about the advice you were given (this will help the authority to deal with this application more efficiently):**

Officer name:

Title

\*\*\*\*\* REDACTED \*\*\*\*\*

First Name

\*\*\*\*\* REDACTED \*\*\*\*\*

Surname

\*\*\*\*\* REDACTED \*\*\*\*\*

Reference

23/0485/ENQ JR

Date (must be pre-application submission)

15/12/2023

Details of the pre-application advice received

Full Planning Application Required

## Authority Employee/Member

**With respect to the Authority, is the applicant and/or agent one of the following:**

- (a) a member of staff**
- (b) an elected member**
- (c) related to a member of staff**
- (d) related to an elected member**

It is an important principle of decision-making that the process is open and transparent.

For the purposes of this question, "related to" means related, by birth or otherwise, closely enough that a fair-minded and informed observer, having considered the facts, would conclude that there was bias on the part of the decision-maker in the Local Planning Authority.

Do any of the above statements apply?

- Yes  
 No

## Ownership Certificates and Agricultural Land Declaration

### Certificates under Article 14 - Town and Country Planning (Development Management Procedure) (England) Order 2015 (as amended)

Please answer the following questions to determine which Certificate of Ownership you need to complete: A, B, C or D.

Is the applicant the sole owner of all the land to which this application relates; and has the applicant been the sole owner for more than 21 days?

- Yes  
 No

Is any of the land to which the application relates part of an Agricultural Holding?

- Yes  
 No

Can you give appropriate notice to all the other owners/agricultural tenants? (Select 'Yes' if there are no other owners/agricultural tenants)

- Yes  
 No

### Certificate Of Ownership - Certificate B

I certify/ The applicant certifies that:

- I have/The applicant has given the requisite notice to everyone else (as listed below) who, on the day 21 days before the date of this application, was the owner\* and/or agricultural tenant\*\* of any part of the land or building to which this application relates; or
- The applicant is the sole owner of all the land or buildings to which this application relates and there are no other owners\* and/or agricultural tenants\*\*.

\* "owner" is a person with a freehold interest or leasehold interest with at least 7 years left to run.

\*\* "agricultural tenant" has the meaning given in section 65(8) of the Town and Country Planning Act 1990

Person Role

- The Applicant  
 The Agent

Title

Mr

First Name

Simon

Surname

Schwerdt

Declaration Date

20/12/2023

Declaration made

## Declaration

I/We hereby apply for Full planning permission as described in the questions answered, details provided, and the accompanying plans/drawings and additional information.

I/We confirm that, to the best of my/our knowledge, any facts stated are true and accurate and any opinions given are the genuine opinions of the person(s) giving them.

I/We also accept that, in accordance with the Planning Portal's terms and conditions:

- Once submitted, this information will be made available to the Local Planning Authority and, once validated by them, be published as part of a public register and on the authority's website;
- Our system will automatically generate and send you emails in regard to the submission of this application.

I / We agree to the outlined declaration

Signed

Simon Schwerdt

Date

20/12/2023