

Ecosystems Services Statement

Stables Cafe, Lavant House, West Lavant, Chichester, PO18 9AH

The following Ecosystems Statement has been prepared in accordance with the South Downs Local Plan Core Policy SD2:

“The Core Policy states that the 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;
- 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; and
- k) Provide opportunities for access to the natural and cultural resources which contribute to the special qualities.

Development proposals must be supported by a statement that sets out how the development proposal impacts, both positively and negatively, on ecosystem services.

The following confirms compliance with the above criteria:

- a) The proposal relates to an existing building and the proposed footprint of the access stairs and ramp is dictated by current regulations.
- b) N/A
- c) The proposals will have no impact on water resources or water quality.
- d) The site falls within flood zone 1.
- e) The scheme will have a positive impact on climate change, FSC timber will be sourced for the proposed door and thermal upgrades will reduce the operational carbon footprint of the building.
- f) Use of natural materials will increase the ability to store carbon.
- g) All soils will be retained on site.
- h) Natural materials will be used.
- i) N/A
- j) The proposed accessible entrance will benefit the users of the building.
- k) N/A

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No visual impact as the proposed site is not visible from the public realm.