

THE CHESTNUT HORSE, EASTON

Ecosystems Statement

May 2024



1.1 This Ecosystems Statement has been prepared having regard to Policy SD2:Ecosystems Services of the South Downs Local Plan to support a planning application for the following works to the Chestnut Horse Public House, a recently extended Grade II listed building within the Easton Conservation Area;

- Erection of single storey extension to improve means of escape/circulation in the existing kitchen;
- Erection of enclosure to Kitchen Extraction Equipment to screen from view;
- Minor design alterations to recent single storey extension

1.2 The Chestnut Horse provides an important social function within the village providing opportunities for social interaction together with the provision of food and drink, including local produce sold in the shop which forms part of the services offered.

1.3 Policy SD 2 advises that planning permission will be granted where proposals *“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 satisfy a number of criteria as considered further below;”*.

Opportunity	Response
a) <i>Sustainably manage land and water environments</i>	The proposals form part of an overall development which supports the re-use of this important social facility within Easton and consequently supports the efficient and sustainable use of land.

<p><i>b) Protect and provide more, better and joined up natural habitats;</i></p>	<p>The proposals form part of an overall development which provides a biodiversity net gain through bat mitigation and enhancement</p>
<p><i>c) Conserve water resources and improve water quality;</i></p>	<p>The Proposals have no impact upon water resources or water quality.</p>
<p><i>d) Manage and mitigate the risk of flooding;</i></p>	<p>No Flood risk implications arise as a result of the proposals.</p>
<p><i>e) Improve the National Park's resilience to, and mitigation of, climate change;</i></p>	<p>The proposals form part of an overall development which supports the re-use of this important social facility within Easton and consequently supports the efficient and sustainable use of land.</p>
<p><i>f) Increase the ability to store carbon through new planting or other means;</i></p>	<p>The proposals form part of an overall development which supports the re-use of this important social facility within Easton and consequently supports the efficient and sustainable use of land.</p>
<p><i>g) Conserve and enhance soils;</i></p>	<p>The proposals form part of an overall development which supports the re-use of this important social facility within Easton and consequently supports the efficient and sustainable use of land.</p>
<p><i>h) Support the sustainable production and use of food, forestry and raw materials;</i></p>	<p>The proposals form part of an overall development which supports the re-use of this important social facility within Easton and consequently</p>

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<i>i) Reduce levels of pollution.</i>	The proposals form part of an overall development which supports the re-use of this important social facility within Easton and consequently supports the efficient and sustainable use of land. The proposals are partly related to reducing noise and air pollution.
<i>j) Improve opportunities for peoples' health and wellbeing; and</i>	The proposals form part of an overall development which supports the re-use of this important social facility within Easton and consequently supports the efficient and sustainable use of land.
<i>k) Provide opportunities for access to the natural and cultural resources which contribute to the special qualities.</i>	The proposals form part of an overall development which supports the re-use of this important social facility within Easton and consequently supports the efficient and sustainable use of land. In doing so it enhances opportunities for access through providing a place for rest and refreshment.

1.4 The Ecosystems TAN also confirms *"The preparation and scope of the statement should be proportionate to the impact of the proposed scheme."* In this case, the proposals are limited to very minor extension/alterations which have no material impact upon ecosystems yet comprise a sustainable form of development by supporting this important social facility.