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By email only: Planning Department, planninginfo@midsussex.gov.uk

Thank you for requesting advice on this application from Place Services' ecological advice service. This service provides advice to planning officers to inform Mid Sussex District Council planning decisions with regard to potential ecological impacts from development. Any additional information, queries or comments on this advice that the applicant or other interested parties may have, must be directed to the Planning Officer who will seek further advice from us where appropriate and necessary.

Application: DM/25/1800
Location: Woodside Grange Woodland Road Hassocks West Sussex
Proposal: Reserved matters application pursuant to Outline application DM/23/2687 for the approval of Appearance, and Landscaping for two detached dwellings.

Thank you for consulting Place Services on the above reserved matters application.

No ecological objection	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
No ecological objection subject to attached conditions	<input type="checkbox"/>
Further information required/Temporary holding objection	<input type="checkbox"/>
Recommend Refusal	<input type="checkbox"/>
Subject to Natural England's formal comments on the conclusion of the LPA's Appropriate Assessment	<input type="checkbox"/>

Summary

We have reviewed the decision notice for DM/23/2687 and note that the following conditions require submission of the specified documents:

- Condition 18: details of a hard and soft landscaping scheme

- Condition 20: a Biodiversity Enhancement Layout
- Condition 21: a lighting scheme for biodiversity

In addition, Condition 19 requires compliance with the LPA Ecological Response (David Archer Associates, November 2023) and Preliminary Ecological Appraisal (David Archer Associates, April 2023).

Section 4 of the Supporting Statement (Neil Pike Architects, July 2025) mentions an accompanying detailed landscape plan, but this does not appear to be available on the website. Therefore, we recommend that details of planting schedules and specifications should be supplied.

As none of these documents have yet been submitted, we look forward to reviewing them when they become available. However, it is acknowledged that this may be issued via separate discharge of condition applications.

Please do not hesitate to contact us if you have any queries in relation to this advice.

Yours sincerely,

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