

From: Emily Wade <Emily.Wade@midsussex.gov.uk>
Sent: 16 January 2026 15:08:01 UTC+00:00
To: "Catherine Cardin" <Catherine.Cardin@midsussex.gov.uk>
Subject: DM/25/3012 Durstons, Lodge Lane, Bolney

Hi Catherine

Comments on the above application.

Durstons is a Grade II listed 17th century or earlier timber framed building located in a semi-rural position on the north-western edge of Bolney. It is described in the submitted heritage statement as an extended workers' cottage, presumably relating to agricultural work or another rural industry. As such, the surviving rural setting of the listed building will be considered to contribute positively to its special interest and the manner in which this is appreciated, in particular those parts of that interest which derive from its historical illustrative value as a former rural workers' cottage, now country house, and its aesthetic value which will depend on part on the use of vernacular materials drawn from its rural setting.

The current proposal is for the creation of a wildlife pond within the garden of the property. The pond would be located at the southern end of the grounds. It is designed to be natural in its appearance, and will be edged by turf, planting and stone.

The proposal is not considered to detract from the rural character of the setting of the listed building, and indeed has the potential to enhance it. This will preserve the special interest of Durstons, meeting the requirements of District Plan Policy DP34 and the relevant paragraphs of the NPPF.

Thanks,

Emily

Please note that this advice is given at Officer level only and is without prejudice to the formal decision of the District Council.

Submit your planning application online.
<http://www.planningportal.gov.uk>

Emily Wade Ma MSc
Conservation Officer
Planning Services
Tel: +44 (0)1444 477385
emily.wade@midsussex.gov.uk <http://www.midsussex.gov.uk>

The
Electoral
Commission

You now need
photo ID to
vote at a
polling station

No ID? You can apply for free voter ID

Find out more at

electoralcommission.org.uk/voterID

or call 0800 328 0280