

WSCC ECOLOGY response to planning consultation

Application reference number: WSCC/036/20

Location: Ford Circular Technology Park, Ford Road, Ford, Arundel BN18 0XL

Proposal: Demolition of existing buildings and structures and construction and operation of an energy recovery facility and a waste sorting and transfer facility for treatment of municipal, commercial and industrial wastes, including ancillary buildings, structures, parking, hardstanding and landscape works

Date: 27/07/20

Summary Response

No objection subject to measures to enhance the ecological value of the site being secured and detailed in a Landscape and Ecological Management Plan.

Response

The 7.11 hectare development site itself largely comprises colonised hardstanding, with small areas of unconnected, poor, semi-improved grassland, scrub, a non-native hedgerow, scattered trees and buildings, all of which are considered to be of low ecological value.

The proposed landscape planting will include 0.56 ha of conservation grassland, 0.21 ha of scrub and 226m of native, species-rich hedgerow and a wildlife pond. Additionally bird and bat boxes will be installed. The application mentions that these measures will be included in a Landscape and Ecological Management Plan.

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Any vegetation removal should be undertaken outside of the bird breeding season (March-July), or under the guidance of an ecologist.

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