

Ecological Advice

TO: Andrew Watt
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APPLICATION REF: DM/20/2877
SITE: Land North of Turners Hill Road Turners Hill West Sussex
PROPOSAL: Outline application for single chapel crematorium with a single abated cremator and natural burial site with associated access, car parking, landscaping and drainage. All matters reserved apart from access.
DATE: 8 October 2020

In my opinion, there are no biodiversity policy reasons for refusal or amendment of the proposals, subject to the following conditions:

the reserved matters layout shall include a minimum buffer of 15m from the edge of adjacent ancient woodland, to comprise semi-natural habitat / new naturalistic planting to create wildlife habitat;

no development shall commence until the following details have been submitted to, and approved by, the local planning authority:

avoidance and mitigation measures to prevent harm / damage to wildlife and habitats (these may be incorporated into a construction environmental management plan CEMP or separate working document for using during site management);

detailed proposals for wildlife habitat enhancement and long-term management including ecologically-appropriate species mixes and stock of native provenance and origin for naturalistic planting (this may be incorporated into a combined landscape and ecology management plan LEMP);

Reason: to prevent loss of, and contribute to, a net gain in, biodiversity, in accordance with policies DP37 and DP38 of the Mid Sussex District Plan and 175 of the NPPF.

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