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Our ref: 13507

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By email only:

Thank you for requesting advice on this application from Place Services' ecological advice service. This service provides advice to planning officers to inform Horsham 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: DC/26/0012

Location: Mowbray, Sports Hub Sub-Phase Wimland Road Faygate West Sussex

Proposal: Application for approval of Reserved Matters pursuant to Condition 5 of Outline Planning Permission reference DC/16/1677 for the Sports Hub including Pavilion and covered spectator stands, ancillary amenity buildings, access roads, landscaping, foot/cycle paths, car and cycle parking, and drainage including drainage basins, and associated infrastructure

Thank you for consulting Place Services on the above Reserved Matters application.

No ecological objection	☒
No ecological objection subject to attached conditions	☐
Further information required/Temporary holding objection	☐
Recommend Refusal	☐
Subject to Natural England's formal comments on the conclusion of the LPA's Appropriate Assessment	☐

[Please refer to Horsham District Councils advice regarding Water Neutrality requirements following Natural England's Withdrawal Statement \(31st October 2025\).](#)

Summary

We have reviewed the decision notice for DC/16/1677 and note that Condition 5 relates, in part, to landscaping.

We note that the Ecology Mitigation and Management Plan for Sports Hub, DFA25025V2 (Derek Finnie Associates, November 2025) and Landscape and Ecological Management Plan 2898-5-4-LM-2001-S5-P1 RFC Sports Hub LEMP Revision P1 (David Jarvis Associates, November 2025), together with the relevant landscape documents, have been submitted. From an ecological perspective, we would support these plans in the discharge of Condition 5.

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

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