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Planning
DC-25-1312 [WEST OF IFIELD] - ALTERNATIVE PROPOSAL TO CREATE 'IFIELD PARK' WITHIN A DESIGNATED PARISH 'NATIONAL LANDSCAPE' [FORMERLY AONB]

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Dear Jason Hawkes

"The Ifield Society believes that...Ifield Brook Meadows is part of an ancient parish landscape and must be preserved as a whole, not broken up or traded away" [Standing up for parish', Crawley Observer-Sussex World, Oct 8].

To that end - and particularly in the light of the Natural England, Historic England and Sussex Wildlife recent findings - a proposal will be put forward to create an Ifield Park within a designated Parish 'National Landscape' [formerly called an Area of Outstanding Natural Beauty - AONB]

Yours sincerely

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ANCIENT PARISH OF NATIONAL LANDSCAPE QU...

Natural England's criteria used to assess the Ancient Parish...



LANDSCAPE QUALITY

The physical state of the landscape and its setting.

JUSTIFICATION: Integrity of Ifield Brook, field systems, and ancient parish boundaries.



SCENIC QUALITY

The aesthetic appeal of the landscape and its setting.

JUSTIFICATION: Views of St. Margaret's Church, the meadows' seasonal colours, and intimate settings.



RELATIVE WILDNESS

A sense of remoteness and naturalness, away from settlements.

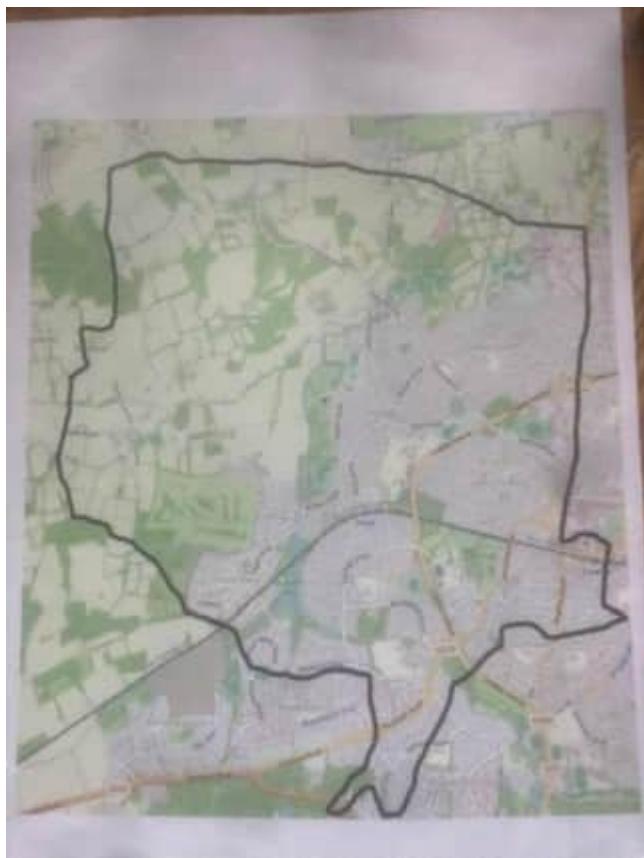
JUSTIFICATION: The meadows' quiet paths and river corridors offer a sense of wildness.



RELATIVE TRANQUILLITY

Freedom from noise and visual intrusion.

JUSTIFICATION: The soundscape of birdsong, despite proximity to development, is a key feature.



Ifield Brook Meadows Local Green Space [LGS] - at the geographical centre of the ancient Parish [outlined in black] - including Ifield Golf Club, Willoughby Fields Local Nature Reserve [LNR] and Ifield Millpond [SNCI]

Ifield Brook Meadows LGS - to the right of picture



Ifield Brook Meadows LGS - top right of picture



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