Subject: FW: EIA/24/0003 Land West of Ifield

Dear Jason,
Only a few points from me on the revised EIA scoping report, mainly in relation to the applicant's response to my previous comments, Chapter 11 Landscape and Visual Impact, Table 10.1:

1. The new entry highlighted in yellow, first paragraph is a bit contradictory and perhaps there has been a misunderstanding on what I was after. I believe I have asked to include in the scope, the assessment of the landscape setting of the Ifield Conservation Area, as the value of the landscape within the CA setting will be higher and more sensitive to change then settlement setting where there is no CA. I don't consider this to be double counting receptors on what's being considered within the heritage assessment/cultural heritage chapter.
2. The NCA 121 Low Weald remains scoped out. I strongly disagree with this approach as the size of the proposed development is unlikely to have 'no effect' on the national character area.
3. Landscape features are also scoped out of the assessment. I strongly disagree with this approach as these are features of the landscape and relevant to better determine and understand the effects of the proposal on the landscape character overall. I disagree that assessing tree or hedgerows under arboriculture and ecology is double counting as the assessments have different considerations to make.

With regards Appendix A, I am satisfied the cumulative schemes list (and rational for selection) is appropriate for projects within Horsham District. I'll leave Crawley to comment on theirs.

Kind regards,
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