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Date: 26 September 2025
Our ref: 08019

For the attention of: Alice Johnson

Application ref: DC/25/1023
Location: Danefold House Littleworth Lane Partridge Green West Sussex
Proposal/Description: Relocation of existing farm yard manure storage, construction of a silage clamp and construction of a slurry lagoon incorporating importation and use of materials and all associated engineering works.

Review of Submitted Information

This response follows our previously consultation response dated 20th August 2025.

A “Rebuttal of Landscape Character and Visual Matters in response to the Correspondence from Place Services, 20-08-25 (ref:08019) addressed to HDC” has been submitted for review.

3.3 Ancient Semi-Natural Woodland

We recognise that no views are obtained from the neighbouring woodlands into the site. However, our judgements refer to the landscape character of the area surrounding the woodlands as opposed to the visual effects, which is dealt with later in the submitted consultation letter.

We also recognise that the landscape proposals are outside the 15m buffer, therefore not physically impacting the Ancient Woodland. However, the presence of development within proximity to the woodlands impact on the landscape character of the site, as opposed to the physical landscape feature.

The Ancient Semi-Natural Woodland is not a landscape designation, as has been stated by the submitted Rebuttal. We place emphasis on the rural site character being located amongst woodlands as a contributor to a higher landscape value, as opposed to relying on Ancient Semi-Natural Woodland ecological classification.

The term underassessed has been used to mean underscored.



3.4 Topography

The Rebuttal identifies the references to topography throughout the LVIA, which is welcomed. However, all references stated are within the Visual sections of the assessment. Our previous comment related to the topography as a landscape feature within the site itself, and the assessed impacts on the topography as a landscape receptor.

Inclusion of topography as part of the constituent elements relevant to the local landscape would have been beneficial, as a separate Landscape Receptor within Table 6a.

We note the justifications made in Para 3.4.5 regarding impacts on topography. For clarity, at a site scale we judge that major adverse effects would arise on topography as a landscape receptor. We note that this was not made clear within our original response.

3.6 Visual Susceptibility

We welcome the clarifications regarding the permanent Farmyard Manure Store (FYM).

Justification has been provided regarding the judgements within the submitted LVIA. Overall, the difference in professional judgement between the LVIA and our own judgements is not deemed substantial.

It would be helpful if verified views from Viewpoint 2 and possibly Viewpoint 3 could be provided, enabling us to review the visual impact and resolve concerns and discrepancies.

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

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