



HORSHAM DISTRICT COUNCIL CONSULTATION

TO:	Horsham District Council – Planning Dept
LOCATION:	Land South of Adversane Adversane Lane Adversane West Sussex
DESCRIPTION:	EIA Scoping Opinion for a mixed-use development for a new settlement to accommodate 3,200 dwellings, employment uses, community uses and supporting infrastructure.
REFERENCE:	EIA/26/0005
RECOMMENDATION:	Advice
SUMMARY OF COMMENTS & RECOMMENDATION:	
MAIN COMMENTS: The comments below relate to the required coverage and content of Chapter 12 in the EIA scoping report (Quod, 2026) in relation to Biodiversity, as submitted in the above application. It is understood that the important ecological features (IEFs) selected and subsequent impacts and effects have been based upon baseline surveys as of May 2026 and professional judgement. Any data gaps and out-of-date data will be updated and impacts will be robustly informed with further survey. <u>Scoping opinion</u> The proposed methodology, ZOI, and identified IEFs and current IEFs suggested to be scoped out (section 12.21), is generally agreed subject to further information being provided to support the impact assessment, as follows: • Impacts on local wildlife sites c.500m west of the site resulting from increased PROW use should be considered in any forthcoming EIA, given the scale of the development. • Further information such as desk study data and field survey evidence is expected to support the claim that the site contains no functionally linked land for Bewick's swan. • It is requested that within the operational phase, pollution impacts on IEFs resulting from the proposed allotments and sports pitches are also assessed, and the watercourse within 10m of the site boundary in the south-west is also considered as an IEF and subject to an impact assessment. <u>Mitigation and enhancements</u> Point 5 of the HDC Landscape Architects response relating to the approach to mitigation is supported from an ecological standpoint.	

Please note that reference is made to the biodiversity net gain metric with a publication year of 2023. There has since been an updated metric version (2025, version 1.0.4) which should be used instead.

ANY RECOMMENDED CONDITIONS:

N/A

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DATE:

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