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Dear Tracey,

Thank you for the invitation to comment on the Appellant's email. The Council offers the following observations.

The Council acknowledges the information provided by the Appellant. As the Appellant has referred to another application relating to a linked field that provides access to the appeal site, the Inspector may wish to be aware of application DC/25/1329, which concerned the conversion of an existing barn located closer to the built-up settlement and was recently approved by the Planning Committee. Barn conversions are assessed under Policy 10 of the Horsham District Planning Framework, which provides policy support for the change of use of such buildings to residential dwellings.

With regard to the NPPF Draft Consultation, the Council considers that, as the document remains in draft form and subject to consultation, its policies carry limited weight in the determination of planning applications. The Council therefore notes that the current adopted National Planning Policy Framework should continue to form the basis for decision-making.

Yours sincerely,

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