

SOUTH DERBYSHIRE DISTRICT COUNCIL

Cultural Services : Landscape Comments

Memorandum to:

To: Laura Hayes

From: Julie Hardcastle

cc:

Date: 20th April 2021

App No: DMOT/2021/0302 – Hackwood Farm

SITE :

Land at Hackwood Farm Mickleover Derby.

PROPOSAL :

Approval of details required by conditions 3,5,10,13,14 and 18 attached to ref.9/2016/1250 (the erection of 290 dwellings, creation 290 dwellings creation of open space, drainage works, formation of access and associated infrastructure and landscaping – approval of reserved matters of access, appearance, landscaping, layout and scale under outline permission ref.9/2014/0562)on:

1.0: Context and Site Plans

The site is surrounded by Local Wildlife Sites and listed buildings.

Detailed Soft Landscape Proposals 1 to 8

POS 1 to 7

2.0 Policy Context and Guidance

For the landscape comment, we have relied on the following policies:

NPPF :-

- **Section 15 – Conserving and Enhancing the Natural Environment**

170: Planning policies and decisions should contribute to and enhance the natural environment by-

b) recognizing the intrinsic character and beauty of the countryside, and the wider benefits from natural capital and ecosystem services, including the economic and other benefits of the best and most versatile agricultural land, and of trees and woodland.

South Derbyshire Local Plan (Adopted June 2016)

- **S1: Sustainable Growth Strategy**

(iv) Ensure the districts heritage assets, landscape and rural character, are protected conserved and enhanced.

- **Policy BNE 3: Biodiversity**

- **Policy BNE 4 : Landscape Character and Local Distinctiveness**

A The character and local distinctiveness, and quality of South Derbyshire's landscape and soil scape, will be protected and enhanced through the careful design and sensitive implementation of new development.

C In bringing forward proposals, developers will be expected to demonstrate that close regard has been paid to the landscape types and landscape character areas identified in The Landscape Character of Derbyshire. Proposals should have regard to the woodland and tree planting, landscape management and habitat guidance set out in this document and demonstrate that mitigation proposals are appropriate to the character of the landscape.

- **Policy BNE 5: Development in Rural Areas**

- **Policy INF 7: Green Infrastructure**

National Landscape Character

The Landscape Character of Derbyshire

3.0: Planning Policy Conclusion:

With consideration to the submitted documents and the proposed site context, given the close proximity of local wildlife sites, we have the following comments.

- Fruit trees to be planted to all rear gardens.
- Increase the on plot and street tree planting site wide.
- All boundary treatments, to show the proposed access points and their frequency, for hedgehogs.
- POS 6 of 7 : Increase the tree planting to the hedgerow on the west boundary, and include for a tree belt / screening to the south boundary.
- POS 7 of 7 : Include for a tree belt / screening to the south boundary.

We require enhancement of the biodiversity, that will mitigate for the increased development of the site.

With the use of native species, with consideration to improving local biodiversity including hedgehogs, birds, bats, and bees etc.

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