

# **SOUTH DERBYSHIRE DISTRICT COUNCIL**

## **Cultural Services : Landscape Comments**

### **Memorandum to:**

**To:** Neil Thompson

**From:** Julie Hardcastle

**cc:**

**Date:** 2nd November 2021

**App No:** DMPA/2021/0473 – Former Midlands Pig Producers Site 2

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#### **SITE :**

**Former Midlands Pig Producers Site Woodyard Lane Foston Derby DE65 5PY.**

#### **PROPOSAL :**

**The siting of an ancillary office and canteen at:**

##### **1.0: Context and Site Plans**

Arboricultural Survey Report and Method Statement – June 2017

Tree and Hedgerow Protection Plan – 127502 – 013B

Arboricultural Method Statement and Tree Protection Plan – December 2018

Landscaping Plan - 127502 - 215

##### **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**

- **Policy INF 8 : National Forest**

## **National Landscape Character**

### **The Landscape Character of Derbyshire**

#### **3.0: Planning Policy Conclusion:**

Where new development takes place, it should be well related to the existing landscape infrastructure that integrates the proposal with the wider landscape.

NPPF advises that all development should be seeking Biodiversity Net Gain.

**With consideration to the submitted documents and the proposed site context, we have the following comments.**

1. Item A : to be changed to an Extra Heavy Standard native species tree.
2. Item B: Three trees to be included within the planting area.

**We require enhancement of the biodiversity, that will mitigate for the increased development of the site, by the planting of trees, shrubs and wild flower meadows.**

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

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