

The site sits within LCA 31 Central Haling plain which is noted for its predominantly flat landscape. I refer to relevant sections below:

Specific local key issues

- o Poor edge treatment with ancillary facilities often exposed to open adjacent landscape

Landscape and built form strategy and guidelines

The landscape strategy is to **conserve** and **enhance** the local landscape character. The following guidelines apply:

Built form and development

- o Reduce visual impact of A3023 through hedgerow planting. Restrict development of the built form along the A3032 to maintain open rural character
- o Any redevelopment of the existing farmsteads and properties along West Lane **must avoid additional visual intrusion of the built form on the adjacent open landscape**. Also important trees within these sites must be managed and protected
- o Further development along Manor Road to the west of its junction with Church Road should be avoided in order to preserve the setting of the important group of listed and historic buildings at Manor House.

In order to respond to the guidelines I have considered the proposal and have the following requirements.

I note in the visual appraisal in the planning statement that photo 11 shows a significant gap in hedging adjacent properties to the west. Supplementary planting should be considered here.

Photos 4,5 & 6 show the site clearly and where the proposed new planting will be implemented – however the planting will take some time to reach suitable maturity to provide significant screening. In line with the Landscape Character Assessments guidelines to conserve and enhance, I would propose that the hedging be implemented with supplementary field maples (*Acer campestre*) of a larger, more significant size – small trees - be planted at intervals to create some more instant screening. This should be implemented in a suitable planting season before the cells are constructed.

Therefore more details to show this are required.

I would also recommend replacing part of the proposed hedgerow mix with some evergreen and therefore year round planting screening/cover.

Kind Regards

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