

Response to DWLC 'Rebuttal of consultee response'

Land at Manor Farm, Combe Hill, Templecombe

12th August 2020

1. As DWLC are fully aware, I was not commissioned to carry out a full review of the LVIA on its own. I was commissioned to comment on the suitability / appropriateness of the overall submission. Had I been commissioned to carry out a full review of the LVIA itself, then I would, of course have followed the LI guidance and set out much more detail. My response picked up certain points in the LVIA where I thought they were particularly relevant to my response and the in as much detail as I felt appropriate for this stage in the process.
2. DWLC are well aware that I have seen a number of iterations of the scheme.
3. I do not intend to argue over the topography of the site and its relationship with the village or the wider landscape. It is clear that the site is prominent and I used the word 'approximately' advisedly.
4. My consultation response was, as far as I am concerned, to an appropriate level of detail. I would not expect a response that was primarily aimed at landscape and visual matters to list and detail particular tree species on the site.
5. Points 2.13-2.16 are noted.
6. I do not intend to comment further on matters of Heritage.
7. I noted that it would have been useful for me to see the ZTV. The author confirms that one was produced but not submitted – hence my comment.
8. I think it is clear that however one caveats it, to use the phrase 'surrounded on two side' is incorrect.

9. At 2.30, the author is correct in that the comments made in my consultation response were indeed opinions. As noted above, I was not commissioned to carry out a separate LVIA or to fully interrogate the submitted LVIA. I was commissioned to give my opinion on the acceptability of the proposed scheme.

10. At 3.1d DWLC question the use of the word 'acceptable'. I think it is entirely clear in my response that it is used in the context of matters of landscape and visual impact. I am clearly not the decision maker in this regard nor do I purport to be.

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