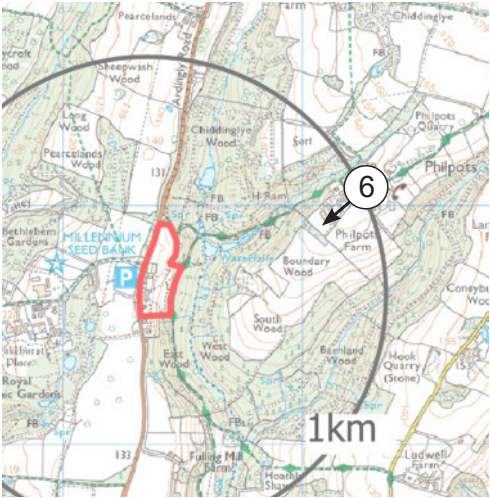


Figure 19 - Photographic record of baseline conditions: Representative viewpoint 6



Figure 20 - Photographic record of baseline conditions: Representative viewpoint 6



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Viewpoint Data:

- Viewpoint elevation: 145m AOD
- Distance from centre of site: 1km

Features

Looking south-west from approximately 1km from site on the bridlepath by Philpots farm and Philpots Manor School.

The bridlepath forms part of the High Weald Landscape Trail, and is also used as a private road.

Trees, ornamental planting and the built form of the school enclose the view and screen the site beyond.

Detractors

Parking associated with Philpots Manor School and the riding club detract from the experience of users of the bridlepath. Activity in the Quarry dominates and detracts from the tranquillity and peacefulness of the High Weald landscape.

Receptors

The view would be visible to walkers, horse riders and drivers on the private road.

Seasonal visibility

This view would be enclosed further in the summer months when vegetation is in full leaf.

Value

National

Susceptibility

Medium

View Sensitivity

High/ medium

7.6. View from Bridleway near Philpots Farm (viewpoint 6)

- 7.6.1. This view is looking south-west from approximately 1km from north east of the site on the bridleway which forms part of the High Weald Landscape Trail, and is used as a private road serving Philpots Manor School and other agricultural businesses.
- 7.6.2. Views from the bridleway are of national value due to their location within the National Landscape ie. within a landscape designated to be of national importance for beauty or recreation.
- 7.6.3. Horse riders and walkers would usually have a high susceptibility to the type of change, as they have a high level of interest in the landscape, particularly on a long distance walking trail. However, the presence of cars, agricultural, industrial and equestrian activity, combined with the built form of the school detract attention from the landscape at this section of the route.
- 7.6.4. As receptors may have a lessened expectation of beauty at this point on the bridleway, the susceptibility to change is medium.
- 7.6.5. On balance, visual receptors at this view on the bridleway have a **high/medium sensitivity**.
- 7.6.6. There are no views to the site from this viewpoint, and as such it will not be taken forward to be assessed in Volume 2 of this LVIA.

Figure 21 - Photographic record of baseline conditions: Representative viewpoint 7



Figure 22 - Photographic record of baseline conditions: Representative viewpoint 8



Figure 23 - Photographic record of baseline conditions: Representative viewpoint 9



Figure 24 - Photographic record of baseline conditions: Representative viewpoint 10



Figure 25 - Photographic record of baseline conditions: Representative viewpoint 11



Figure 26 - Photographic record of baseline conditions: Representative viewpoint 12



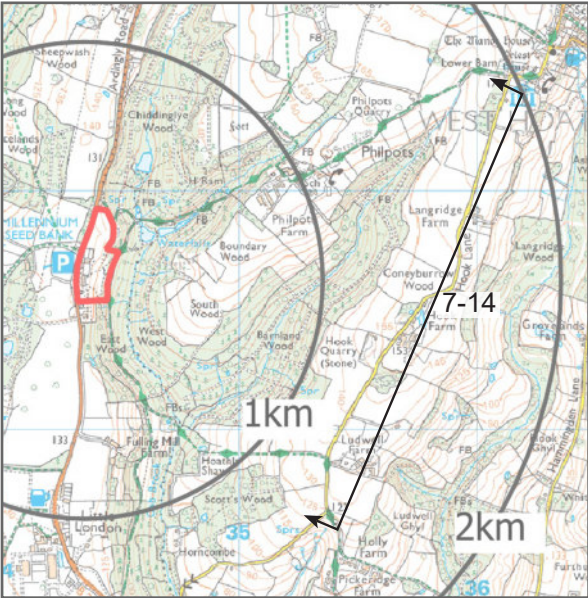
Figure 27 - Photographic record of baseline conditions: Representative viewpoint 13



Figure 28 - Photographic record of baseline conditions: Representative viewpoint 14



Figure 29 - Photographic record of baseline conditions: Representative viewpoint 7-14



Viewpoint Data:

- Viewpoint elevation: 160-130m AOD
- Distance from centre of site:1.5km

Features

A progression of views looking west from approximately 1.5km from site, on Hook Lane, a rural lane connecting West Hoathly to Ardingly.

Hook Lane is representative of the defining ‘character components’ of High Weald, one of which is characterised by ridge-top roads which are ‘often narrow, deeply sunken and edged with wildlife-rich hedges.’

The roadside hedge screens most of the views, with glimpsed views through the hedge to the wider landscape, including the site at points. However, distant views of the site are afforded where there are large gaps in the hedge.

Detractors

Some visual degradation has occurred as a result of parking areas and agricultural equipment, associated with Hook Farm Livery, in the foreground of wider views.

Receptors

The view would be visible to drivers, horse riders, and pedestrians.

Seasonal visibility

Views from the road, particularly ones seen through the hedge, will be reduced in summer months when the hedge is in leaf.

Value

National

Susceptibility of drivers

Medium

Susceptibility of horse riders and pedestrians

High

View Sensitivity

Drivers: High/ medium

Horse riders and pedestrians: High

7.7. View from Hook Lane (viewpoints 7-14)

- 7.7.1. These views represent a progression along the Hook Lane, approximately 1.3km east of the site.
- 7.7.2. Views from Hook Lane are of national value due to their location within the National Landscape ie. within a landscape designated to be of national importance for beauty.
- 7.7.3. The susceptibility to the type of development proposed varies depending on the visual receptor.
- 7.7.4. Drivers on the road would have a medium susceptibility to the type of development proposed, as they would have an expectation of scenic beauty on this characteristic High Weald lane. However, they would generally only have a medium level of interest in the landscape due to the speed of travel and their focus on the road.
- 7.7.5. Horse riders and walkers would have a high susceptibility to the type of change, as they may be focussing on the long views afforded over, and through, gaps in the hedge. Although the wider views vary, with some being degraded by agricultural equipment in the foreground; nevertheless, walkers and horse riders are still likely to have a high level of interest in the landscape and an expectation of beauty.
- 7.7.6. On balance, drivers on Hook Lane have a **high/medium sensitivity**. Whereas, horse riders and walkers have a **high sensitivity**.
- 7.7.7. There are no views to the site from viewpoints 7 to 9, and as such these viewpoints will not be taken forward to be assessed in Volume 2 of this LVIA.

Figure 30 - Photographic record of baseline conditions: Representative viewpoint 15



Figure 31 - Photographic record of baseline conditions: Representative viewpoint 16



Figure 32 - Photographic record of baseline conditions: Representative viewpoint 17



Figure 33 - Photographic record of baseline conditions: Representative viewpoint 18



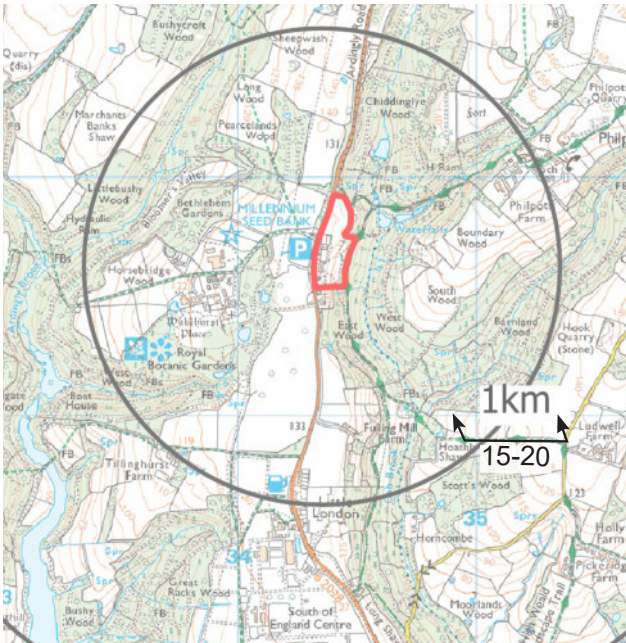
Figure 34 - Photographic record of baseline conditions: Representative viewpoint 19



Figure 35 - Photographic record of baseline conditions: Representative viewpoint 20



Figure 36 - Photographic record of baseline conditions: Representative viewpoint 15-20



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Viewpoint Data:

- Viewpoint elevation: 130-90m AOD
- Distance from centre of site: 0.9-1.25km

Viewpoints 15-20

Features

Looking north-west from approximately 1km south-east of the site, on part of the bridleway which forms the High Weald Landscape Trail

Views vary as some are enclosed by the dense, tall hedge and other views are far reaching where the bridleway crosses open ground. The far views are characteristic of the rural High Weald landscape, taking in gill woodland/ shaws, and views of a historic house (the site).

Receptors

The view would be visible to horse riders and walkers on the bridleway.

Seasonal visibility

It is likely that Stonehurst will still be visible in summer, as many of the trees in view are evergreen, and therefore the extent of view visible will not change with the seasons. Additionally, Stonehurst is positioned at the top of the ridge, above the tree canopy.

Value

National

Susceptibility

High

View Sensitivity

High

7.8. View from Bridleway West of Ludwell Farm (viewpoints 15-20)

- 7.8.1. These views represent a progression along the bridleway forming part of the High Weald Landscape Trail, approximately 1km south-east of the site.
- 7.8.2. Views from the bridlepath are of national value due to their location within the National Landscape ie. within a landscape designated to be of national importance for beauty or recreation.
- 7.8.3. Views along the bridleway vary as some are enclosed by the dense, tall hedge. Although confined for predestrians, horse riders may be able to see the long views to the wider High Weald landscape over the hedge. Other views are far reaching, where there are gaps in the hedge and fences, and at viewpoints 17-20, where the bridleway crosses open ground.
- 7.8.4. Long views across the rolling landscape and characteristic shaw/ gill woodland give clear view of Stonehurst and the registered park and garden grounds. This verdant, rolling rural landscape with views towards a characteristic historic house is typical of the High Weald, and contributes to the expectation of rural beauty that users of this bridleway will look forward to.
- 7.8.5. Additionally, the Long Distance Walking Association describe the trail as 'take[ing] in historic gardens, for which the area is famous', which is of particular relevance to the site.
- 7.8.6. As walkers and horse riders are likely to have a high level of interest in the landscape, particularly on a long distance walking route, they have a high susceptibility to the type of change proposed.
- 7.8.7. Combined with a national value, a high susceptibility to change results in a high sensitivity for users of the bridleway west of Ludwell Farm
- 7.8.8. There are no views to the site from viewpoints 15 and 16, and as such these viewpoints will not be taken forward to be assessed in Volume 2 of this LVIA.

Figure 37 - Photographic record of baseline conditions: Representative viewpoint 21

