

# Landscape and Visual Clarification Note

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**Town and Country Planning Act 1990** 

Appeal against Refusal of
Outline planning permission for the erection of up
to 120 residential dwellings including 30%
affordable housing, public open space and
community facilities.

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Land South of Henfield Road, Albourne

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**Croudace Homes** 

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## LAND SOUTH OF HENFIELD ROAD, ALBOURNE

### LANDSCAPE AND VISUAL CLARIFICATION NOTE - CATHERINE RITSON

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#### 1. INTRODUCTION

- 1.1. To aid the Inspector I have provided three comparative summary tables to show where the differences in the assessments of receptors and effects lie between my assessment and the assessment prepared by Mr R Browne for the Council.
- 1.2. A key difference in relation to the identification of landscape receptors is that I consider the Site's varying sensitivity across the 3 fields and have considered the village and the Conservation Area as two different receptors, whereas Mr Browne considers the Site as a whole and considers the Albroune Settlement Edge. All receptors are included in Table CR 5. I have included 'RB' or 'CR' behind those which are unique to our assessments. Where Mr Browne's landscape receptors overlap with my own I have provided a clarification of my assessment based on my Proof and the submitted LVIA in *italics*. Where any criteria or receptor has not been assessed by a party I have this has been left as '-'.
- 1.3. Mr Browne agrees with the identification of the visual receptors and their sensitivity no table has been provided in this respect.
- 1.4. The main area of disagreement remains in the consideration of whether the landscape and visual effects will be beneficial or adverse. These are summarised at Tables CR 6 and CR 7.

Table CR 5: Summary of Landscape Sensitivity for Both Parties

Landscape Receptor Name	Landscape S	Sensitivity – CATH	IERINE RITSON			Landscape Sensitivity – ROBERT BROWNE						
	Character	Condition	Susceptibility to Change	Value	Landscape Sensitivity	Character	Condition	Susceptibility to Change	Value	Landscape Sensitivity		
NCA 121 the Low Weald (CR)	Moderate	Moderate	Medium	Moderate	Moderate	-	-	-	-	-		
The South Downs National Park	High	Good	High	High	High	-	-	High	-	High		
LCA 3 Hurstierpoint foothills	Moderate	Moderate	Medium	Moderate to high	Moderate to high	-	-	Medium	-	Moderate		
LCA 4 Hickstead Low Weald	Moderate	Moderate	Medium	Moderate to high	Moderate to high	-	-	Medium	-	Moderate		
The Albourne Settlement Edge (RB)	Moderate	Moderate to Good	Medium to High	Moderate to High	Moderate to High	-	-	Medium	-	Moderate		
Albourne Village (CR)	Moderate	Moderate	Medium	Moderate	Moderate	-	-	-	-	-		
Albourne Conservation Area (CR)	High	Good	High	High	High	-	-	-	-	-		
The Site Itself (RB)	Moderate	Moderate	Moderate	Low to High	Low to High	-	-	Medium to High	Moderate	Moderate to High		
The Site - Northern field (CR)	Moderate	Moderate	Medium	Moderate to Low	Moderate to Low	-	-	-	-	-		
The Site - Central Field (CR)	Moderate	Moderate	Medium	Moderate to Low	Moderate to Low	-	-	-	-	-		
The Site - Southern Field (CR)	Moderate	Moderate	Medium	Moderate to high	Moderate to high							

Table CR 6: Summary of Landscape Effects for Both Parties

Landscape Receptor	Significance of Landscape Effects – CATHERINE RITSON			Direction of Landscape Effects – CATHERINE RITSON			•	Significance of Landscape Effects – ROBERT BROWNE			Direction of Landscape Effects – ROBERT BROWNE			
Name	1' ' ' ' ' ' ' ' ' ' ' ' ' ' ' ' ' ' '		(Residual Effects)	(Temporary Effe	(Temporary Effects)		(Temporary Effects)		(Residual Effects)	(Temporary Effects)		(Residual Effects)		
	Construction	Construction Year 1 Year 15		Construction	Year 1	Year 15	Construction	Year 1	Year 15	Construction	Year 1	Year 15		
NCA 121 the Low Weald (CR)	Neutral	Neutral	Neutral	Neutral	Neutral	Neutral	-	-	-	-	-	-		
The South Downs National Park	Neutral	Neutral	Neutral	Neutral	Neutral	Neutral	Neutral	Neutral	Neutral	Neutral	Neutral	Neutral		
LCA 3 Hurstierpoint Scarp Footslopes	Moderate	Moderate	Minor	Adverse	Adverse	Beneficial	Minor	Minor	Minor	Adverse	Adverse	Adverse		
LCA 4 Hickstead Low Weald	Moderate	Moderate	Minor	Adverse	Adverse	Beneficial	Minor	Minor	Minor	Adverse	Adverse	Adverse		
The Albourne Settlement Edge (RB)	Moderate	Moderate	Moderate	Adverse	Beneficial	Beneficial	Substantial	Substantial	Moderate	Adverse	Adverse	Adverse		
Albourne Village (CR)	Moderate	Moderate	Moderate	Adverse	Beneficial	Beneficial	-	-	-	-	-	-		

Landscape Receptor				•			Significance of Landscape Effects – ROBERT BROWNE			Direction of Landscape Effects – ROBERT BROWNE			
Name	, , , , , , , , , , , , , , , , , , , ,		(Residual Effects)	[· · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · ·		(Residual (Temporary Effec Effects)		ects) (Residual Effects)		(Temporary Effects)		(Residual Effects)	
	Construction	Year 1	Year 15	Construction	Year 1	Year 15	Construction	Year 1	Year 15	Construction	Year 1	Year 15	
Albourne Conservation Area (CR)	Moderate	Minor	Minor	Adverse	Beneficial	Beneficial	-	-	-	-	-	-	
The Site Itself (RB)	Minor to Substantial	Minor to Moderate	Minor to Moderate		Southern	Central field Adverse. Northern and Southern Beneficial	Substantial	Substantial	Substantial	Adverse	Adverse	Adverse	
The Site – Northern field (CR)	Minor	Minor	Minor	Adverse	Beneficial	Beneficial	-	-	-	-	-	-	
The Site – Central Field (CR)	Substantial	Moderate	Moderate	Adverse	Adverse	Adverse	-	-	-	-	-	-	
The Site – Southern Field (CR)	Moderate	Moderate	Moderate	Adverse	Beneficial	Beneficial	-	-	-	-	-	-	

Table CR 6: Summary of Landscape Effects for Both Parties

Table CR 7: Summary of Effects on Visual Receptors for Both Parties

Visual Receptor	Significance of Visual Effects – CATHERINE RITSON			Direction of Visual Effects - CATHERINE RITSON			J	Significance of Visual Effects - ROBERT BROWNE			Direction of Visual Effects – ROBERT BROWNE		
Name	(Temporary Effects)		(Residual Effects)	(Temporary Effects)		(Residual Effects)	(Temporary Effects)		(Residual Effects)	(Temporary Effects)		(Residual Effects)	
	Construction	Year 1	Year 15	Construction	Year 1	Year 15	Construction	Year 1	Year 15	Construction	Year 1	Year 15	
VR1: #21 and #22 The Street	Substantial	Substantial	Moderate	Adverse	Adverse	Adverse	Substantial	Substantial	Moderate	Adverse	Adverse	Adverse	
VR2: Millenium Garden & Albourne School	Substantial	Substantial	Moderate	Adverse	Adverse	Beneficial	Substantial	Substantial	Substantial	Adverse	Adverse	Adverse	
VR3: Residents at Inholmes Farm	Substantial	Substantial	Substantial	Adverse	Adverse	Adverse	Substantial	Substantial	Substantial	Adverse	Adverse	Adverse	
VR4: Users of Henfield Road	Minor	Minor	Minor	Adverse	Adverse	Beneficial	Minor	Minor	Minor	Adverse	Adverse	Adverse	
VR5: Walkers at Footpath 15_1Al	Substantial	Substantial	Substantial	Adverse	Beneficial	Beneficial	Substantial	Substantial	Substantial	Adverse	Adverse	Adverse	
VR6: Walkers at Footpath 12_1Al	Substantial	Substantial	Substantial	Adverse	Beneficial	Beneficial	Substantial	Substantial	Moderate	Adverse	Adverse	Adverse	
VR7: Residents at the Street (CA)	Moderate	Moderate	Moderate	Adverse	Beneficial	Beneficial	Substantial	Moderate	Moderate	Adverse	Adverse	Adverse	

Visual Receptor				Direction of Visual Effects - CATHERINE RITSON			Significance of Visual Effects - ROBERT BROWNE			Direction of Visual Effects – ROBERT BROWNE			
Name	(Temporary Effects)		(Residual (Temporary Effe Effects)		cts) (Residual Effects)		(Temporary Effects)		(Residual Effects)		fects)	(Residual Effects)	
	Construction	Year 1	Year 15	Construction	Year 1	Year 15	Construction	Year 1	Year 15	Construction	Year 1	Year 15	
VR8: Residents at Church Lane	Moderate	Moderate	Moderate	Adverse	Beneficial	Beneficial	Moderate	Moderate	Minor	Adverse	Adverse	Adverse	
VR9: Residents at West House Farm	Moderate	Moderate	Moderate	Adverse	Adverse	Beneficial	Moderate	Moderate	Minor	Adverse	Adverse	Adverse	
VR10: Walkers at Footpath 18Al	Moderate	Moderate	Moderate	Adverse	Adverse	Beneficial	Moderate	Moderate	Minor	Adverse	Adverse	Adverse	
VR11: Walkers nr Albourne Place	Minor	Minor	Minor	Adverse	Adverse	Beneficial	Minor	Minor	Neutral	Adverse	Adverse	Neutral	
VR12: Walkers nr Lanehurst	Moderate	Moderate	Minor	Adverse	Adverse	Adverse	Minor	Minor	Neutral	Adverse	Adverse	Neutral	
VR13: Walkers at Wolstonbury Hill	Moderate	Minor	Neutral	Adverse	Adverse	Neutral	Moderate	Minor	Neutral	Adverse	Adverse	Neutral	
VR14: Walkers at Devil's Dyke	Neutral	Neutral	Neutral	Neutral	Neutral	Neutral	Neutral	Neutral	Neutral	Neutral	Neutral	Neutral	

Table CR 7: Summary of Effects on Visual Receptors for Both Parties