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Hi George

I previously discussed with the landscape consultant the appropriateness of the viewpoints, the landscape and visual impacts and the various landscape mitigation measures.

Horton Grounds Farm receptor should be included in the list of receptors. Horton Grounds Farm is deemed by me to be a medium high receptor, being potentially a high receptor on race days due to the visual distraction (and noise: subject to a noise assessment).

Local Landscape Designations:

The site is close near to the Cotswolds AONB. The perceived or negligible impact and effect of the AONB should be discussed in the LVIA. However I do not recall discussing this matter with the landscape consultant prior to the assessment

The landscape proposal plan was referred to in the LVIA but a copy would be useful. If the landscape proposals are appropriate mitigation to the impacts and effects indication in the LVIA. An iterative approach to the design of the landscape proposals is necessary. We will also require a landscape management plan to ensure the successful establishment of the scheme over 15 years.

In the conclusion it mentions the 'wider study area' which should be clarified specifically on the plan as is it directly influences the zone of visual influence where receptors have been assessed: the villages etc. The Wider Study area should include the AONB. The proposed physical development will be visually mitigated with a successfully established landscape scheme to the boundaries. However when the site is operational the visual distraction and visual harm is perceived to be high and more regular. The arrival of camper vans and trailers, etc along the access track on race days is potentially visually harmful and should be subject to mitigation planting where application boundary and site ownership permits.

In conclusion, the LVIA (with the additional information identified above) I am confident that the facility will be integrated into the surrounding landscape successfully.

Please let me have your questions.

Best regards

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