

MEMORANDUM

From:	Brigitte Crafer Landscape Architect		
Service	WBC Landscape and Trees	App No:	241905
Address:	Rehoboth, Forest Road, Binfield, Wokingham, RG40 5QY.		
Proposal:	Full application for the proposed siting of horse exerciser.		
Type of Development:	Minor All other developments		
Site Visit Made:	Yes/No		

Summary Of Recommendations

- ☐ No comment
- ☒ No objection
- ☐ No objection subject to conditions (and reasons) **stated below**
- ☐ Request further information before determination as **stated below**
- ☐ Objection due to the reason(s) **stated below**

Comments On Proposal

The site is located in the countryside and along a Green Route.

The site is located in the I1 Ashridge Farmed Clay Lowlands LCA which is a moderate quality landscape. Valuable Landscape Attributes for LCA I1 include; **Strong rural character** of the rolling agricultural landscape with its subtle wooded ridges, large woodlands and sparse settlement which create a strong sense of place. **Characteristic mature in-field and roadside oaks** in the open arable fields which provide a sense of place. Key issues include; Hedgerow loss associated with the expansion of fields and intensification of agriculture, lack of the recruitment of young trees (through natural regeneration or planting) required to rebalance the age structure of parkland and hedgerow trees is an on-going threat to the character of the landscape. Demand for large-scale agricultural buildings leading to visual intrusion of these elements.

The Landscape Strategy for LCA I1 . is to conserve and enhance the existing rural character.

There are no protected trees on the site. The site boundary with Forest Road is hedgeline and there are some fleeting pleasant views of trees lining the entrance but it is doubtful that the horse walker would be perceived and besides the function of the structure would not necessarily be out of keeping with the surroundings.

I have no objection to development in terms of impact on landscape character or adverse visual impact.

Conditions & Reasons (if required)

Date:	17.12.24	Signed:	B. Crafer
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