

Appendix B: Landscape Effects Table (LET)										
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	Susceptibility to Change	Landscape Value	Overall Sensitivity	Scale or Size of the Degree of Change including degree of contrast/ integration) at Stages of Project	Where applicable, are the Effects Reversible?		Major Moderate Minor Negligible None	Major Moderate Minor Negligible None	Major Moderate Minor Negligible None	Yes No
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National Landscape Character										
Natural England, National Character Area Profile (NCA) NCA 132: Salisbury Plain and West Wiltshire Down	Varies: Medium	Varies: Medium	Varies: Medium	Construction: Negligible Completion: Negligible Year 15: Negligible	No	The site lies within NCA 132: Salisbury Plain and West Wiltshire Down (see Figure 4). This NCA stretches from Warminster and Westbury in the north west to Romsey in the south east and therefore covers a very extensive landscape area. One of the Key Characteristics for the area is as follows: A sparsely settled landscape, with few settlements of any size, and notable for nucleated villages at the foot of the scarp along the springline. Large-scale farmsteads are a prominent feature. The proposed development follows the existing settlement pattern in a valley floor location and relates to a foot of scarp location while being set back and not detracting from the immediate setting of the scarp.	Negligible	Negligible	Negligible	No
Landscape Character Assessment (LCA): County/District										

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LCT Chalk Downland	Varies: Medium	Varies: Medium	Varies: Medium	Construction: Negligible Completion: Negligible Year 15:Negligible	No	The LCT has the following characteristics as stated in the landscape character assessment. - Large-scale landform of broad rolling hills dissected by a series of coombe river valleys and rounded upstanding ridges; - A predominantly arable landscape divided into large, regular field units with straight-sided fields representing late 18th/early 19th century Parliamentary inclosure. - Large open skies and distant panoramic views. - Large woods, shelterbelts, copses and clumps of woodland create a series of enclosed 'rooms' surrounded by trees in places; The proposed development is sympathetic to the existing landscape character in respect of the fact that it is located in the lower valley areas of this character type not detracting from the open and isolated character of the upland areas and is set within a landscape characterised by areas of woodland which is consistent with the planting of trees/copses that form part of these proposals	Negligible	Negligible	Negligible	No
LCA D5 Porton Down Chalk Downland	Varies: Medium	Varies: Medium	Varies: Medium	Construction: Low/Negligible Completion: Low/Negligible Year 15: Negligible	No	<i>Strong sense of openness throughout much of the area, only limited by occasional mixed woodland copses;</i> <i>Landscape pattern is large-scale, with fields delineated in places by mature hedgerows;</i> <i>Perceived sense of tranquillity is disrupted by military training activities, the presence of the A303 road and railway corridors;</i> <i>Panoramic, open views across the landscape, with often seamless horizons;</i> The proposals are consistent with the existing pattern of valley settlement and more formal enclosed landscape in the valley bottom, keeping clear of the scarp slopes and higher ground.	Minor/Negligible	Minor/Negligible	Negligible	No

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Landscape Character: Site and Immediate Context										
Site and Immediate Context	Medium	Medium	Medium	Construction: Medium Completion: High/Medium Year 15: Medium	No	The site comprises a number of field compartments set within a context of the settlement edge of Laverstock. The site and the immediately surrounding area comprise a landscape with a high degree of enclosure, with tree lined field boundaries and the nearby dwellings. A ground up approach will be taken looking at opportunities to set the development within the existing green infrastructure network. Existing trees and hedgerows will be retained and protected in perpetuity as they will be set within a setting of connected areas of greenspace. Although there would be a landscape effect in terms of an inevitable loss of agricultural fields this effect would be minimised by setting the development in a retained and strengthened green infrastructure network. The proposals include provision of native hedgerow and tree planting set within a framework of open grassland. In addition a SuDS basin with associated wetland tree and shrub planting is proposed within an area of public open space on the western side of the site. As the proposed green infrastructure enhancements establish and mature the effects will reduce in the long-term, reducing from Moderate Adverse on Completion reducing to Moderate/Minor Adverse once the landscape planting matures.	Major/Moderate Adverse	Moderate Adverse	Moderate /Minor Adverse	No