# Landscape Consultation

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| **Proposal:**<br>Environmental Impact Assessment Scoping Opinion in relation to the Grafham to Cambridge Pipeline Scheme | **Location:**<br>Marlow Park Buckden Road Grafham |
| **Case Officer:** HR<br>**Landscape Officer:** PBAI | **Application No:**<br>25/70045/SCOP |

**Documents Viewed:**

- EIA Scoping Report 07857-100006-GRAFREDE-XXX-RPT-T-0001

**Comments:**

Scoping Report Chapter 8. Landscape and Visual Amenity

The Scoping Report identifies that significant landscape and visual impacts are anticipated from the proposed Scheme.

The Guidelines for the Landscape and Visual Impact Assessment, Third Edition (GVLIA3) have been used to guide the extent of the study area, which is suitably extensive to allow for the ongoing refinement of the proposed development. The impact on the landscape at this stage is unclear. Further work to protect important views is recommended through sensitive integration into the existing landscape which responds to its surroundings and protects views.

Care must be taken as the project evolves, to ensure that the emerging landscapes are not fragmented withing the wider landscape and to not feel alien within the receiving landscape character. Landscape connectivity is key to deliver lasting benefits to biodiversity.

The series of photomontages and representative viewpoints will be formed for the proposed development to accompany the LVIA as the project further develops. Further work is required to fully define the extent of the visual assessment and to confirm the representative receptors. The selection of locations to be agreed through future consultation, with focus on a range of potential visual receptors identified within the scoping report.

The emerging design of the proposed development should demonstrate processes applied to further identify and refine a landscape-led design and mitigation strategy and identify opportunities for landscape improvements and enhancements. The scheme will result in direct and/or indirect impact to sites of local importance for nature conservation and should be focussed and designed to avoid adverse impacts and to protect, restore and expand these habitats.

It is vital to undertake much of the screening and habitat enhancement work at the earliest opportunity ahead of construction in areas likely to be unaffected by later construction work. These areas should be identified at the earliest opportunity to allow for a period so to become well-established providing the necessary and effective screening and to provide the mitigating habitats prior to any existing habitat clearance work.

The council reserves the right to comment on this subject through technical working groups and future consultation.

**Signed: PBAI**

**Dated: 25/07/2025**