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Subject: HPK/2025/0447 Crossings Road

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Hi James,

Further to our letter (26th February 2026), which requested the outstanding information regarding hedgerows, a revised EcIA (18th March 2026) has been submitted. The report states that the three hedgerows that will be subject to losses (H2, H3 and H4) have been in situ prior to 1880 and therefore may qualify as 'important' under the Historical and Archaeological value criteria of The Hedgerow Regulations 1997, specifically criteria A and C.

We are surprised to see that the hedgerows have not been specifically assessed against the Wildlife and Landscape criteria of the Regs. Typically a table is provided with the data for each hedgerow, including number of woody species and the associated features listed in the Regs. However, based on the classification of the onsite hedgerows used in the metric, none of them are classed as species-rich (five or more woody species) and they are therefore unlikely to qualify as 'important' under the Wildlife and Landscape criteria.

It is concluded that these small losses (~25m) will be compensated for through the enhancement of 190 m of H2, which is reasonable. Permission to remove these sections of hedgerow will be conferred through the grant of planning permission, however, if these sections of hedgerow are removed prior to full planning consent, a hedgerow removal notice should be submitted as per the report.

We advise that if the layout is subject to change at the Reserved Matters stage, all other hedgerows should be checked against The Hedgerow Regs and sufficient effort should be made to avoid removal of important hedges. We have no further comments.

Best regards,
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