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To whom it may concern:

Thank you for consulting Historic England on the submission version of the Itchingfield Neighbourhood Plan. Historic England's remit is for the historic environment including promoting the conservation and enjoyment of heritage assets and championing good design in historic places. As such our comments are limited to those areas of the plan that fall within our areas of interest and silence on other matters should not be treated as consent.

Policy 9.5 We feel that, to provide clarity to decision making and ensure the plan delivers the approach to management of heritage assets in decision making that the policy should refer to the need to "avoid or minimise harm to the significance of the listed building..." rather than merely demonstrate special regard.

At Policy 10.2, we would request consideration of a similar need to guide proposals to "avoid or minimise any potential harm to the significance of Itchingfield House and Itchingfield Conservation Area, including changes that could affect the positive contribution made by its setting".

We hope these comments are of assistance to the examiner but would be pleased to provide further information if it is required.

Yours faithfully

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