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Ben

A set of updated landscape plans has been submitted by the applicant's agent. As far as I can see, there are 2 main changes:

1. The application site red edge has been amended to now exclude the private farm track running adjacent to the south-west boundary of the application site (which also carries stretches of public footpaths Draycott 17 and Draycott 20). This doesn't affect any tree/landscape/visual impact issues relating to the application, and I have no comment on this.
2. The previously shown tree planting around the proposed visitor car park, balancing pond and helicopter landing pad has now been omitted from the landscaping scheme. Presumably this relates to limiting the height of structures and features (including vegetation) within flight paths or in the vicinity of flying/landing areas. The effect of this would be to reduce the currently proposed structural landscaping mitigation, and in turn increase the visual impact of the combined development (factory and test flight field/car park). This therefore gives even more weight to my request for seeking clarification of flight path constraints and opportunities for additional structural planting, as set out in my previous consultation comments dated 16/01/2023.

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