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Policy SD4 of the adopted Local Plan seeks to ensure that development proposals conserve and enhance landscape character in the National Park.

The supporting text (Paragraph 5.8) states that *'The ability of proposals to meet the requirements to enhance landscape character in Policy SD4 will be considered in proportion to the size, scale and likely impacts of the proposals.'*

Paragraph 5.9 states that *'It is important that proposals are based on a meaningful understanding of the context and character of an area and those positive characteristics which define local distinctiveness...'*

Paragraph 5.11 states that *'Householder applications should be informed by the Landscape and Biodiversity Baseline Checklist which is available on the Authority's website in the first instance. Further study may be required following on from completion of the checklist which the Authority would advise on.'*

Accordingly, a Baseline Assessment Checklist has been completed and submitted in support of the application.

Furthermore, in determining the previous householder application (SDNP/2017/04123/HOUS), it should be noted that no concerns were raised regarding the impact of the proposed development on the landscape character of the National Park.

In addition, when planning permission (LPA Ref: SDNP/18/03743/FUL) was granted for the *change of use of the outbuilding to an exercise studio for commercial purposes*, it was considered that *'the outbuilding and its current use have limited impact on the wider landscape character of the national park, being set back within the site and well screened'*

The above comments reflect the fact that there is mature landscaping along all boundaries, which screens the site from views in the wider landscape. There is very limited inter-visibility with neighbouring residential properties due to separation distances and the presence of intervening mature trees and shrubbery along the site boundaries.

As a result of the above, it has been demonstrated that the proposed development would not have any landscape visual impact and would, therefore, accord with Policy SD4 of the SDLP.