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HORSHAM DISTRICT COUNCIL CONSULTATION

TO:	Horsham District Council – Planning Dept
LOCATION:	The Hermitage, Tower Hill, Horsham
DESCRIPTION:	Construction of dwelling and detached garage/store building. Creation of new vehicle access from Parthins Lane
REFERENCE:	DC-25-0115
RECOMMENDATION:	Advice

SUMMARY OF COMMENTS & RECOMMENDATION:

The development of the plot within a rural lane involves the removal of a section of hedgerow and trees that would have urbanising impact, detrimental to the existing landscape character of the Lane.

MAIN COMMENTS:

The proposed new access into the field from Parthins Lane requires the direct removal of a section of hedging and associated trees and insertion of a culvert within the ditch.

The extent of urbanisation proposed may also foreseeably result in the short term removal of the remaining oaks to the East. The larger remaining tree has some basal decay that will place the tree under future pressure for removal or severe lopping to alleviate concerns over safety associated with the change of use and traffic movements. The smaller subservient oak trees either side of it are not of a form that would foreseeably be desirable within the altered landscape context.

The available historic streetscene imagery illustrates just how quickly the changing desires for tree retention and boundary demarcations within the modern urban landscape can change landscape character.

The tree loss within the rear of the site to accommodate the dwelling will have limited landscape impact by comparison.

ANY RECOMMENDED CONDITIONS:

If minded to approve, I recommend conditions for control of services connection to the site and compliance with the submitted tree protection/AMS submissions – standard

conditions 3.7 Utilities,; 3.8 Tree Protection (INSERT relevant plan no.) and 6.8 AMS Implementation (INSERT Duckworth report no.)

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