HORSHAM DISTRICT COUNCIL CONSULTATION

TO:	Horsham District Council – Planning Dept
LOCATION:	Fusion Aviation Stadium Worthing Road Horsham West Sussex
DESCRIPTION:	Approval of details reserved by condition 17 to approved application DC/16/2856
REFERENCE:	DISC/25/0041
RECOMMENDATION:	More Information

SUMMARY OF COMMENTS & RECOMMENDATION:

Please see below details required to be able to recommend the discharge of condition 17.

Section 3.2 3G pitches

3G Artificial Grass Pitches (AGP) are made with a shock-absorbing layer of rubber, a matting of plastic fibers (artificial grass), sand, and rubber infill, typically made for recycled car tyres. Rubber infill is a major source of microplastic pollution as it travels and spreads far and wide. Given the proximity of the pitches to the existing pond and Ancient Woodland, management and management procedures are required to be added to the plan, to prevent and reduce this. At this stage we seek clarity on what is the prevent containment measures to minimise infill loss.

3.6.1 Car Park and Surrounds

Please add Maintenance operations including:

1. watering regimes – including volume, frequency, method of application and contingencies for drought and hosepipe bans
2. Control of weeds, noxious weeds and alien invasive and notifiable species – methods and timings
3. inspection/monitoring frequency for loss, damage and replacements
4. Tree, hedgerow and shrub pruning / re-shaping / thinning – height, timings and methods. Procedures to deal with damaged or dying branches and dead or dying/ defective trees.
5. Reinstatement procedures for damaged, defective or bare areas of grass

3.6.2 Surrounding Grassed Areas

Please add Maintenance operations including

6. inspection/monitoring frequency for loss, damage and reinstatement procedures for damaged, defective or bare areas of grass

7. cutting regime, including heights and dealing with arisings.
8. Re-seeding / re-planting of wildflower – frequency of checks and timings for work including cuts and dealing with arisings

3.6.3 Fir Trees / 3.6.4 Tree Planting

9. Tree pruning / re-shaping / thinning – height, timings and methods. Procedures to deal with damaged or dying branches and dead or dying/ defective trees (replacement).
10. Safety checks and methods for arboricultural works – routine and emergency

3.6.5 Hedging

11. hedgerow pruning / re-shaping / thinning – height, timings and methods. Procedures to deal with damaged or dying branches and dead or dying/ defective hedges.

3.7 Surrounding Woodlands

12. For plant stock used in proximity to Ancient Woodland, please ensure only locally sourced planting stock is used from suppliers of accredited UK Sourced and Grown stock, in accordance with Woodland Trust guidance. Supplier information must be made available upon request.

And finally, the applicant is advised that chemical fertilisers, pesticides and herbicides including glyphosate are not to be applied at any time due to impacts on existing waterbodies, woodland, ditches, hedgerows and proximity to AW and the protection of their ecological features. Alternative methods for weeding should be considered and specified, such as hot foam or hot water systems, steel brushing in combination with acetic acid spraying, electronic control systems, as well as hand weeding by careful digging or selective scything. This must be considered when drafting operations for weed control across the site.

The addition of an annual maintenance operations Matrix is also recommended. This is a table listing key routine operations during both defects and long term maintenance periods together with an indication of when they should be undertaken throughout the year.

MAIN COMMENTS: N/A

ANY RECOMMENDED CONDITIONS: N/A

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