HORSHAM DISTRICT COUNCIL CONSULTATION

TO:	Horsham District Council – Planning Dept
LOCATION:	Champions Farm, Storrington Road, Thakeham
DESCRIPTION:	Erection of extension to an existing agriculture winery barn
REFERENCE:	DC-24-0504
RECOMMENDATION:	Advice

SUMMARY OF COMMENTS & RECOMMENDATION:

The proposal involves direct impacts on the landscape due to the close proximity of the existing building to a mature belt of trees. The tree belt is a mixture of planted and indigenous trees that forms part of the field hedgerow network in the area. Public visibility is very restricted. The direct loss of edge trees will not have a foreseeable significant impact on the longer term integrity of the tree belt.

MAIN COMMENTS:

The submitted tree report is a fair assessment of the species, size and position of the principal landscape elements. The AIA highlights that build proximity and associated areas of hardstanding proposed will require both mature tree felling to enable works and pruning works to create and maintain tree branch clearance of the structure and surrounding access.

If minded to approve, I recommend a condition for compliance with the submitted tree report and implementation of robust tree protection measures to safeguard the retained trees in close proximity from potential harm.

ANY RECOMMENDED CONDITIONS:

Yes – 3.8 Tree Protection compliance – INSERT plan no. AR/144724 Tree Protection Plan dated March 2024

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DATE:	09/10/24