



Horsham
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HORSHAM DISTRICT COUNCIL CONSULTATION

TO:	Horsham District Council – Planning Dept
LOCATION:	5 Woodhatch, Southwater
DESCRIPTION:	Erection of a single storey side and rear extensions
REFERENCE:	DC-26-0015
RECOMMENDATION:	Advice / No objection
SUMMARY OF COMMENTS & RECOMMENDATION:	
No significant arboricultural concerns – recommend informative highlighting the need for pruning consent.	
MAIN COMMENTS:	
The property is abutted to the North by the public open space and play area accessed from Cedar Drive. On the open space, there is a dominant oak tree positioned relatively close to the rear boundary of the property that has a broad crown spread to within circa 3m of the existing build line. The tree has a well proportioned crown and offers good public amenity value. The proposed single storey extension with skylight, to the rear of the property, may foreseeably place the tree under future pressure for pruning back of overhanging branches to improve light levels and decrease extent of remaining associated amenity area that is beneath the tree crown. The tree is in public ownership. In this instance, authorisation for appropriate pruning works will require approval from the arboricultural officer in the Horsham DC Parks team. As pruning is a foreseeable potential indirect impact of the proposed development, I recommend that an informative highlighting the need for consent to prune the tree is attached to any approval of the development. This will ensure that the form and future health of the tree is duly conserved in the interests of public amenity.	
ANY RECOMMENDED CONDITIONS:	

N/A

NAME:	ANDY CLOUT – ASST. ARBORICULTURAL OFFICER
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DEPARTMENT:	STRATEGIC PLANNING - SPECIALISTS
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