HORSHAM DISTRICT COUNCIL CONSULTATION

TO:	Horsham District Council – Planning Dept
LOCATION:	Nuthurst Cricket Club, Mannings Heath
DESCRIPTION:	Proposed replacement cricket practice surface and net
REFERENCE:	DC/25/0740
RECOMMENDATION:	Advice

SUMMARY OF COMMENTS & RECOMMENDATION:

There are two trees within the facility of the proposed replacement cricket practice surface, an ash and an Oak. The Ash is displaying symptoms consistent with infection with ash dieback, in the Oak leans heavily towards the cricket pavilion. Nether tree represents a good example of the species, and both trees fall outside of the area covered by A1 TPO/0757, and they are not protected by the order.

From the submitted information and that gleaned on site it would appear that the proposed works will not directly impact either tree, and no Arboricultural concerns are raised with the scheme. However, to ensure that they are not impacted by the build process it would be beneficial if some tree protection measures were utilised.

MAIN COMMENTS: N/A

ANY RECOMMENDED CONDITIONS: Yes –

Prior to commencement of any works on site, demolition or other development activities, a protective fence consisting of either chestnut paling (1.8m height) fastened to a post and rail fence or braced Heras panel fencing, shall be erected to a minimum of 4m metres from the stem of the larger oak tree to the east of the proposal. The remaining soft ground area between this barrier and the cricket practice surface and net shall be protected from compaction by use of load spreading boarding over a compressible material such as wood chip or sand so as to protect the underlying soft ground from access related compaction, storage of materials, concrete mixing, excavation or other building activities likely to be harmful to tree roots and the rooting environment.

Such barrier and ground protection measures shall remain in place throughout the duration of the development to the satisfaction of the Local Planning Authority. The Local Planning Authority Tree Officer shall be informed of the proposed date of commencement, at least one working week in advance, to allow inspection of protection measures.

Reason: To ensure the successful and satisfactory protection of important trees on the site in accordance with Policies 30 and 33 of the Horsham District Planning Framework (2015).

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