



HORSHAM DISTRICT COUNCIL CONSULTATION

TO:	Horsham District Council – Planning Dept
LOCATION:	The Royal Oak Friday Street Rusper
DESCRIPTION:	Construction of dwelling with car parking, vehicle access and landscaping
REFERENCE:	DC/26/1054
RECOMMENDATION:	Advice / Modification to the in-and-out driveway arrangement.
SUMMARY OF COMMENTS & RECOMMENDATION: There are no trees within the site that are considered to be of high arboricultural merit or amenity value. As such, the principal tree-related considerations relate to the proposed in-and-out access arrangement and its potential impact on the off-site Field Maple located to the south. This tree is of good quality and high public amenity value due to its healthy condition and prominent roadside location. Whilst it is acknowledged that an access has historically existed to the north of the tree, the site visit indicated that the Field Maple is likely to have established roots beneath this area, given the probable shallow depth of the existing surfacing, together with the tree's age, size and current condition. Consequently, works associated with the removal of the existing surfacing have the potential to adversely affect the tree through ground disturbance, root loss and associated damage. This impact could be avoided by closing off the existing access and removing the proposed in-and-out driveway arrangement, such that the site is served solely by the proposed new access to the north.	
MAIN COMMENTS: N/A	

ANY RECOMMENDED CONDITIONS: None at this stage	
NAME:	Andy Bush Arboricultural officer
DEPARTMENT:	Specialist team Strategic Planning
DATE:	02/09/26