



HORSHAM DISTRICT COUNCIL CONSULTATION

TO:	Horsham District Council – Planning Dept
LOCATION:	Merryhill Storrington Road Thakeham
DESCRIPTION:	Variation of Condition 3 of previously approved application reference DC/25/0944 (Erection of barn for use by Merryhill Mushrooms business, acoustic fencing and alterations to driveway) to allow for the installation of a new service run to serve the approved barn.
REFERENCE:	DC/26/0730
RECOMMENDATION:	Advice
SUMMARY OF COMMENTS & RECOMMENDATION: Based on the submitted information, it is accepted that the proposed removal of the small Oak (T1) and more mature Sycamore (T2) represents a reasonable approach to protecting the Root Protection Area (RPA) of the retained A category Oak (T5). The alignment of the service run appears to have been informed by the need to reduce potential harm to this higher quality specimen, with the removal of the lesser value trees allowing the works to be undertaken at a greater distance from its key rooting Area. Whilst it is always regrettable to see the loss of additional trees beyond those originally approved, in this case the trees proposed for removal are of limited Arboricultural quality and wider landscape value. Considering the supplementary planting already undertaken on site, which provides a degree of replacement and future canopy cover, the overall impact is considered proportionate to the situation. On balance, the approach is supported as it prioritises the retention and long-term condition of the more significant oak and should ensure that it is not adversely affected by the proposed works, subject to compliance with the agreed protection measures and working methods.	
MAIN COMMENTS: N/A	

ANY RECOMMENDED CONDITIONS: Yes – bespoke

Regulatory Condition: The development hereby approved shall be carried out in full accordance with the Arboricultural Impact Assessment and Method Statement approved under application DC/25/0944, except where amended by application DC/26/0730, in which case the development shall be carried out in accordance with the Arboricultural Report Addendum: Section 73 Variation of Conditions Application Relating to Tree Protection Measures Approved Under Planning Consent Ref: DC/25/0944, and the associated Tree Protection Plan prepared by Duckworths Arboriculture Ltd on behalf of Merryhill Mushrooms.

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

NAME:	Andy Bush Arboricultural officer (Planning)
DEPARTMENT:	STRATEGIC PLANNING - SPECIALISTS
DATE:	15/06/26