



## HORSHAM DISTRICT COUNCIL CONSULTATION

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| <b>LOCATION:</b>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                              | Lee Place The Stables, Blackgate Lane, Pulborough |
| <b>DESCRIPTION:</b>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                           | Extension to existing sand school                 |
| <b>REFERENCE:</b>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                             | DC-26-0999                                        |
| <b>RECOMMENDATION:</b>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                        | Advice                                            |
| <b>SUMMARY OF COMMENTS &amp; RECOMMENDATION:</b>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                              |                                                   |
| <p>The hedge and tree loss associated with the development could be reasonably mitigated by replacement planting and controlled by condition (either via a detailed landscape submission compliance condition or by latter pre-commencement condition requirement) as deemed appropriate.</p>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                 |                                                   |
| <b>MAIN COMMENTS:</b>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                         |                                                   |
| <p>The existing sand school facility is bounded by a well-established mixed species indigenous hedge in keeping with the rural setting.</p> <p>The proposal requires the removal of the hedge along the N boundary and due to the expansion of surface area, the commensurate loss of the nearest tree/s beyond the existing hedgerow line.</p> <p>The two nearest trees are a Norway maple of good form and fair condition for the species and a horse chestnut of relatively poor form and condition. Whilst it may be feasible to retain the tree stems, they may suffer significant root disturbance from construction and would require hard pruning to maintain reasonable separation in the future.</p> <p>Both trees are ornamental plantings that could be reasonably replaced as part of the scheme of mitigation planting referred to within the submissions. Subject to approval by the Landscape team, I would consider that a replacement mixed species native hedge of 5 plants per linear metre along the new boundary of the facility with replacement trees on the land to the North (ownership of land unclear) at greater separation to the facility, would be reasonable landscape mitigation if acceptable in other planning terms.</p> |                                                   |
| <b>ANY RECOMMENDED CONDITIONS:</b>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                            |                                                   |

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| Consult Landscape team accordingly |                                           |
| <b>NAME:</b>                       | ANDY CLOUT – ASST. ARBORICULTURAL OFFICER |
| <b>DEPARTMENT:</b>                 | STRATEGIC PLANNING - SPECIALISTS          |
| <b>DATE:</b>                       | 05/08/26                                  |