



HORSHAM DISTRICT COUNCIL CONSULTATION

TO:	Horsham District Council – Planning Dept
LOCATION:	Mill Farm, Mill Lane, Itchingfield
DESCRIPTION:	Prior notification for the creation of a new agricultural access track
REFERENCE:	DC-26-1181
RECOMMENDATION:	Advice
SUMMARY OF COMMENTS & RECOMMENDATION:	
Arboricultural concerns are limited to potential impacts on the key rooting areas of the adjacent hedgerow trees of reasonable remaining safe useful life expectancy. Alterations to the specification and/or routing of the engineering works could be considered to limit impacts on the adjacent landscape features of merit as appropriate. No details of trees present or those proposed to be removed to enable access to Mill Lane are included within the submissions.	
MAIN COMMENTS:	
The route of the agricultural access includes sections that pass both through and in relatively close proximity to the adjacent native hedgerows that bound the field network. Where the track is proposed to connect to Mill Lane there is a significant levels change. The section of vegetation to be removed to enable the junction does not contain any individual trees of significant landscape merit, nonetheless there is a landscape impact the extent of which will be dependent on what engineering is required. Where the track is within 12m of the larger hedgerow trees of merit there is the potential for detriment to tree rooting/future health from excavations and compaction associated with the installation and use of the facility.	
ANY RECOMMENDED CONDITIONS:	
N/A	
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DEPARTMENT:	STRATEGIC PLANNING - SPECIALISTS
DATE:	05/08/26