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HORSHAM DISTRICT COUNCIL CONSULTATION

TO:	Horsham District Council – Planning Dept
LOCATION:	Abingworth Nurseries Storrington Road Thakeham West Sussex
DESCRIPTION:	Variation of condition 1 of previously approved application reference DC/22/0773 (Variation of Condition 1 of previously approved application DC/19/1707 (Revised layout for Phase 3 of the Abingworth Meadows development (Original application ref: DC/10/1314) to provide for 75 dwellings including 26 affordable dwellings and community studio workshops). Amendment to design and layout of houses at plots 42-75) to reflect an additional swale within the landscaping (Retrospective).
REFERENCE:	DC/26/0945
RECOMMENDATION:	No Objection/More Information
SUMMARY OF COMMENTS & RECOMMENDATION: I am satisfied with the proposed amendments to drawing BELL23356 – 11 Sheet 6 of 8, REV N, reflect the changes to the drainage strategy and the additional native hedgerow requested during the site visit. With regards the drainage planting scheme, the proposed planting mix comprising <i>Iris pseudacorus</i>, <i>Butomus umbellatus</i>, <i>Carex pendula</i> and <i>Mentha aquatica</i> is considered appropriate for with a residential development. However, <i>Iris pseudacorus</i> is a particularly vigorous species and may become increasingly dominant over time, alongside <i>Carex pendula</i>, particularly if a robust management regime is not in place. Therefore, the inclusion of additional wetland species such as <i>Juncus effusus</i> and <i>Lythrum salicaria</i> could be considered to increase habitat diversity. In addition, the information submitted does not include details of management responsibilities or the proposed maintenance regime for the drainage channel planting and hedgerow. Therefore, an addendum to the LEMP/LMMP, or a note within the relevant plan should be provided. The maximum height at which the proposed hedgerow is to be maintained should also be specified within the maintenance information. This information can be submitted at this stage or alternatively secured by condition.	
MAIN COMMENTS: N/A	

ANY RECOMMENDED CONDITIONS:

If not provided at this stage, an addendum to the LEMP/LMMP with the management responsibilities and maintenance operations related to the drainage channel planting and hedgerow must be secured.

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DEPARTMENT:	Specialists Team - Strategic Planning
DATE:	04/08/2026