



HORSHAM DISTRICT COUNCIL CONSULTATION

TO:	Horsham District Council – Planning Dept
LOCATION:	Spring Copse Business Park, Stane Street, Slinfold
DESCRIPTION:	Erection of 4no. 8m lighting columns
REFERENCE:	DC-26-0428
RECOMMENDATION:	Advice
SUMMARY OF COMMENTS & RECOMMENDATION:	
No significant arboricultural concerns subject to compliance with submitted arboricultural method statement for hand excavation of proposed section of trenching within the recognised root protection area of the nearest protected trees.	
MAIN COMMENTS:	
The area of proposed development is screened from the A29 by a line of conifers and maples planted as part of the original landscape design for the industrial estate. The trees are a mature feature that are an effective screen to the built form and hard landscaping beyond. They are subject of a Tree Preservation Order (Ref: TPO/0564). The proposed underground utility connections have been partially installed. Where the connection is proposed to be close to the treeline/through the TPO trees, the submitted AMS makes clear that supervised hand excavations for cable laying are proposed to limit potential impacts on tree rooting. It is unclear as to why the route of the broken trench has to be through the tree line. It would be preferable for it to be moved outside of this recognised rooting constraint.	
ANY RECOMMENDED CONDITIONS:	
Yes – Standard condition 6.8 – Arboricultural Method Statement compliance – INSERT “submitted Arboricultural Impact Assessment, Method Statement and associated Tree Protection Plan Rev. 1.2 by ROAVR Group dated February 2026”	
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DEPARTMENT:	STRATEGIC PLANNING - SPECIALISTS

DATE:	15/04/26
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