HORSHAM DISTRICT COUNCIL CONSULTATION

TO:	Horsham District Council – Planning Dept
LOCATION:	Leonardslee Gardens Brighton Road Lower Beeding
DESCRIPTION:	Reconsultation - Installation of 2x non-illuminated free standing banner signs Installation of 3x non-illuminated free standing banner signs
REFERENCE:	DC/24/0088
RECOMMENDATION:	~~Advice / No Objection /~~ Objection ~~/ More Information / Modification / Refusal~~

SUMMARY OF COMMENTS & RECOMMENDATION:

See below

MAIN COMMENTS:

Amended plans.

It is noted that the the number of signs has been reduced by 1 and the height of the remaining structures have been lowered. The size of the advertisements however remains the same. It would be considered that the proposed changes do not on balance overcome the harm identified to the historic park and garden and the wider setting of Leonardslee House.

Leonardslee Gardens are designated as a grade 1 Park and Garden. Within the site is the grade 2 listed properties of Leonardslee and the lodge to the northwest of Leonardslee.

Whilst it is recognised that the Gardens would wish to publicise their location and activities the proposed signage due to their size and number would appear incongruous in this location. The proposed signage would be located on the boundary of the site and although this section of the site experiences influences such as road noise, and traffic this underlines the importance to ensure a suitable transition between the historic gardens and the public highway. This boundary represents a sensitive edge and it is not considered that the signs due to their size and number reflect the parkland character of the gardens or provide an appropriate sense of arrival to the former country estate. It would therefore be considered that the proposed signage would result in less than substantial harm (at the lower end of the scale) to the historic park and garden and the wider setting of Leonardslee House.

ANY RECOMMENDED CONDITIONS:	
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