



Horsham
District
Council

HORSHAM DISTRICT COUNCIL CONSULTATION

TO:	Horsham District Council – Planning Dept
LOCATION:	Land at Knowe Top Farm Broadford Bridge Road West Chiltington West Sussex
DESCRIPTION:	Construction of a pressing centre building including associated access, hardstanding and landscaping
REFERENCE:	DC/26/1171
RECOMMENDATION:	Advice / No Objection / Objection / More Information / Modification / Refusal
SUMMARY OF COMMENTS & RECOMMENDATION: Enterprising Horsham supports this proposal	
MAIN COMMENTS: The District's economy benefits from a diverse range of rural enterprises, and agricultural diversification continues to play an important role in supporting economic resilience, investment and employment opportunities across rural communities. The proposed wine pressing facility would provide important supporting infrastructure, enabling the business to expand its operations within the District and helping to retain production capacity locally. The Council's evidence base recognises the importance of supporting tourism, local products and experience-led rural activities as part of the visitor economy. It highlights growing demand for authentic local experiences and identifies ongoing support for the Local Sussex Wineland Cluster as an important component of the District's visitor economy activity. From an economic development perspective, the proposed facility has the potential to: • Support the growth, productivity and competitiveness of local vineyards and wine producers. • Strengthen agricultural diversification and business resilience within the rural economy. • Retain value-added processing and production activity within the District and surrounding area. • Support employment associated with wine production, logistics, hospitality and tourism. • Enhance the development of a distinctive local food and drink offer. • Complement the visitor economy through links with vineyard visits, wine tourism and wider food-and-drink experiences. The proposal is therefore capable of delivering economic benefits that extend beyond the application site itself. By supporting local supply chains, encouraging business growth and reinforcing the District's emerging wine sector, the Enterprise Team believe the development would contribute positively to the wider rural economy whilst helping to strengthen Horsham's reputation as a destination for high-quality local produce and visitor experiences	
ANY RECOMMENDED CONDITIONS:	
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