



HORSHAM DISTRICT COUNCIL CONSULTATION

TO:	Horsham District Council – Planning Dept
LOCATION:	Land to the South East of Spring Gardens, Washington
DESCRIPTION:	Erection of 1 no detached two storey dwelling and associated landscaping. Relocation of existing stable
REFERENCE:	DC-26-0035
RECOMMENDATION:	Advice
SUMMARY OF COMMENTS & RECOMMENDATION:	
No significant arboricultural concerns	
MAIN COMMENTS:	
The site is bounded to the North by a vegetated ditch bank that runs along the side of no. 1 Spring Gardens. The trees/vegetation have been historically lopped and managed as a mixed deciduous species hedge, predominantly hazel. This feature is evident on the 1875 OS map.	
To the South, on the opposite side of the Tarmac access road that serves the property "High Chaparral" is another ditch bank. In addition to the typical hazel and associated shrub understorey there are a few remaining early mature oak trees.	
All the hazel and willow etc. on the bank adjacent to the subject site have been re-coppiced or cut to ground level. The nearest oaks have been severely lopped to contain size and thus have somewhat unnatural crown forms more associated to an urban environment/lack of space. It is likely these works have been undertaken to improve light levels to the subject property as they do not appear to potentially impact upon the properties to the South.	
The application is accompanied by an arboriculture/root protection plan. Regrettably the details included appear to have been taken from a basic topographical survey. One of the cited tree species cited is incorrect and the tree sizes are approximate only.	
From my observations on site, the proposed development would have no significant additional negative impacts on the remaining surrounding vegetation to the North and South of the plot.	

ANY RECOMMENDED CONDITIONS:	
N/A	
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