HORSHAM DISTRICT COUNCIL CONSULTATION

TO:	Horsham District Council – Planning Dept
LOCATION:	New Southwater Sports Club
DESCRIPTION:	Erection of four 20m wide ball stop nets with poles to the four goal ends on the existing community football pitches at Southwater Sports Club
REFERENCE:	DC/24/1495
RECOMMENDATION:	

SUMMARY OF COMMENTS & RECOMMENDATION:

See below.

MAIN COMMENTS:

The submitted Planning, Design and Access Statement is a little unclear as it seems to suggest that the closest listed buildings are 150-250 metres from the site. College Farm however adjoins the site and its main building is some 50 metres away.

College Farm is a 17th century former farmhouse, with timber weatherboarding and a plain clay tiled roof. The immediate setting of College Farm is a domestic garden, surrounded by a mature hedge and tree bank.

The former wider rural setting of College Farm has been diluted by modern development. The football pitches provide a degree of transition between the development to the east and the countryside to the west. Care therefore needs to be taken that the pitches themselves do not result in additional urbanisation of this sensitive transitional site.

It is noted that the proposed nets would be lowered between practice/games and at night and therefore this would in addition to the screening to the listed building, mitigate the level of harm to the setting of the listed building. No objection would therefore be raised.

ANY RECOMMENDED CONDITIONS:	
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