HORSHAM DISTRICT COUNCIL CONSULTATION

TO:	Horsham District Council – Planning Dept
LOCATION:	April Cottage, Sunset Lane, West Chiltington
DESCRIPTION:	
REFERENCE:	DC/24/0660
RECOMMENDATION:	~~Advice / No Objection~~ / Objection ~~/ More Information / Modification / Refusal~~
SUMMARY OF COMMENTS & RECOMMENDATION:	
MAIN COMMENTS: Dear Alice, I remain satisfied the proposal will harm the character of the recently designated conservation area. The grain of development within the conservation area is a significant contributor to the character of the area. The cottages were originally laid out with large gardens creating a sense of space and reinforcing the rural context of the development. Wells had a clear vision in creating a development that resisted the monotony of the suburbs. The revised scheme seeks to preserve the character of the conservation area but the scale and proportions of the dwelling are reflective of modern houses. This is clearly illustrated in the block plan where the new dwelling will crowd the historic cottage in the context of the intended density of Wells' vision. It is positioned in the plot in a way that is reminiscent of suburban executive housing and this will harm the setting of the neighbouring Wells Cottage and harm the character of the conservation area. A modest annexe might be possible on the site in this position but the plot will not accommodate a separate dwelling without causing harm. Regards, Seán	
ANY RECOMMENDED CONDITIONS: N/A	

NAME:	Seán Rix
DEPARTMENT:	Conservation
DATE:	31.05.24