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Our ref: 22969
Date: 14 October 2026

For the attention of: Steve Astles

Application ref:	DC/26/1316
Location:	Land at 512000 114372 Rock Road Washington West Sussex
Proposal/Description:	Construction of field access and entrance drive, erection of post and rail fencing and planting of hedge to field frontage.

Thank you for consulting with Place Services on the above application. This letter sets out our consultation response on the landscape impact of the application and how the proposal relates and responds to the landscape setting and context of the site.

Summary

Not supportive on landscape grounds	☐
No landscape objection	☒
Further information required prior to determination	☐
No landscape comments / does not wish to comment	☐

This review is based on a desktop study of the above-referenced application and its submitted documents. Our Landscape comments are as follows:

1.0. Site Context

1.1. The site is located to the east of Heath Common and comprises the western edge of a wider field parcel. The site is bound to the north and south by existing properties, to the east by the wider field parcel and to the west by Rock Road.

2.0. Planning Policy Context

2.1. Horsham District Planning Framework (HDPF) (2015)
The proposals should consider the following policies from the HDPF [among others]: Policy 25 (The Natural Environment and Landscape Character), Policy 26 (Countryside Protection), Policy 31 (Green Infrastructure and Biodiversity).

2.2. The proposals should also have regard to the Heath Common Design Statement Supplementary Planning Document (SPD) (July 2018).

3.0. Review of the proposal/submitted information

3.1. We have reviewed the proposals for a new field access point along with post and rail fencing and a mixed native hedge.

3.2. The proposal does not raise landscape concerns and welcome the introduction of a mixed native hedge to replace the existing laurel hedge. We would advise that free standing hedges are accompanied by a 2/3 strand galvanised wire and tanalised softwood timber post fence, to BS1722- 2: 2006. The fence should be erected through the centre of the staggered row of hedge. This is to prevent access through the site by pedestrians until the hedges are fully established.

Please contact us if you have any queries in relation to this advice.

Place Services – Landscape Team

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This advice has been provided by Place Services on behalf of Horsham District Council.

Please note:

This letter is advisory and should only be considered as the opinion formed by specialist staff in relation to this particular matter.

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