HORSHAM DISTRICT COUNCIL CONSULTATION

TO:	Horsham District Council – Planning Dept
LOCATION:	Land North of Horsham Old Holbrook Horsham West Sussex
DESCRIPTION:	Application for Approval of Details Reserved by Condition 35 to approved application DC/16/1677
REFERENCE:	DISC/26/0338
RECOMMENDATION:	No Objection / Advice

SUMMARY OF COMMENTS & RECOMMENDATION:

The LEMP submitted is unchanged from that approved under DC/26/0012. As such, concerns raised under the associated landscape comments remain relevant.

There is no objection from a landscape perspective, however we continue to advise the protection of existing, sensitive landscape features such as Ancient Woodland (AW) and waterbodies via amendments to the use of herbicide and the provision of supplier information.

This is left to the officer's discretion.

MAIN COMMENTS:

Condition 35

No part of the development hereby permitted within any sub-phase or part of the development shall be occupied until a Landscape and Ecological Management Plan (LEMP) detailing the long term management and maintenance principles including long term design objectives, management responsibilities, a description of landscape components, management prescriptions and maintenance schedules for the landscape buffers and areas of strategic open space as shown on the Strategic Landscape Buffers Plan (drawing number no.2153A-210D) and within the appropriate sub-phase or part of the development has been submitted to and approved in writing by the Local Planning Authority. The development shall thereafter be managed and maintained in accordance with the approved details.

1. As previously advised, the use of chemical fertilisers, pesticides and herbicides including glyphosate should be avoided, particularly in proximity to AW, waterbodies and other sensitive landscape features. We recommend that the LEMP is amended to specify non-chemical methods of weed control as the preferred approach, except where treatment is required for the control of Schedule 9 species. Please refer to pan-uk.org for guidance and resources on alternative methods. Any treatment required for invasive species should be undertaken in accordance with appropriate ecological advice. The following sections are highlighted:
    a. 5.116.a & 5.127.f in regard to wildflower meadow.
    b. 6.4.g which states '*Hand weeding/spraying/cultivation'* as equivalent options; This should identify non-chemical methods as the preferred approach, with spraying as the last resort and/or for Schedule 9 species.
    c. The maintenance schedule under Section 9
2. As highlighted under previous landscape comments, supplier information is requested for plant stock to ensure that it is locally sourced from suppliers of accredited UK

	Sourced and Grown stock, in accordance with Woodland Trust guidance. This is also set out under 3.9.g.
RECOMMENDED CONDITIONS: N/A	
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