



HORSHAM DISTRICT COUNCIL CONSULTATION

TO:	Horsham District Council – Planning Dept
LOCATION:	Watermead, Henfield Road, Cowfold
DESCRIPTION:	Demolition of existing vacant storage buildings and erection of 9no residential units, provision of open space and retention of pond
REFERENCE:	DC-26-0934
RECOMMENDATION:	Advice
SUMMARY OF COMMENTS & RECOMMENDATION:	
No significant arboricultural concerns subject to conditions of an approval to safeguard retained trees of landscape merit	
MAIN COMMENTS:	
The submitted tree survey appears a fair assessment of the trees present at and immediately adjacent to the site. The AIA recognises the main arboricultural impacts as the internal tree loss required for the scheme and the foreseeable incursions into the minimum recommended root protection areas (RPA's) of the two early mature oaks on the S boundary and within the N sector of the site respectively. No draft Tree Protection Plan for demolition purpose has been submitted. Subject to an appropriate level of development control in respect of tree protection and sensitive above ground engineering, I do not consider that the extent of tree removal and engineering proposed to enable the development would have a significant impact on the landscape setting. The tree loss proposed can be subject to a scheme of mitigation landscape planting as deemed appropriate for the scale and nature of new residential development.	
ANY RECOMMENDED CONDITIONS:	
Yes – Standard conditions:	
3.7 Utility locations – to ensure no additional tree impacts;	
3.8 Pre-commencement Tree protection requirements – to ensure appropriate control of dev't operations including demolition;	

and 3.9 Arboricultural Method Statement required – to detail arboricultural supervision and phases of tree protection and specialist engineering	
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DATE:	01/09/26