# HORSHAM DISTRICT COUNCIL CONSULTATION

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| **TO:** | Horsham District Council – Planning Dept |
| **LOCATION:** | Moustows Cottage, Henfield Common North, Henfield |
| **DESCRIPTION:** | |
| **REFERENCE:** | DC/24/1938 |
| **RECOMMENDATION:** | ~~Advice / No Objection /~~ Objection ~~/ More Information / Modification / Refusal~~ |
| **SUMMARY OF COMMENTS & RECOMMENDATION: The proposal will harm the special interest of the listed building.** | |

**MAIN COMMENTS:**

Dear Jacques,

I met the owner and discussed the proposal for extension as part of a pre-application enquiry. I expressed the need for any extension to reflect the vernacular character of the principal dwelling. The current proposal for a flat roofed single storey addition will dilute the special interest of the listed building. Any extension should reinforce a vernacular form rather than reflect classically inspired design. I appreciate the design has been revised but unfortunately this does not go far enough in mitigating the suburban form of the single storey extension. The special interest of the cottage lies in its modest proportions and vernacular form. The proposed extension will dilute this special interest by introducing an architectural form that reflects cultural influences from southern Europe. And in this case will be an incongruous addition. I appreciate that the quality of materials and construction will be high but this will not overcome the contrasting form. The preservation of the architectural and historic interest of the listed building will not be achieved. The level of harm will be less than substantial and moderately so but the limited public benefits will not outweigh this harm in my view.

The two storey extension proposed for the north elevation and infilling of the modern porch are acceptable as are the internal alterations to the shower room. I suggested the single storey extension is omitted from the application so the other alterations can proceed. If the applicant is agreeable I can suggest conditions for the acceptable alterations.

Regards,
Seán

**ANY RECOMMENDED CONDITIONS: N/A**

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| **NAME:** | Seán Rix |
| **DEPARTMENT:** | Conservation |
| **DATE:** | 22.014.25 |