HORSHAM DISTRICT COUNCIL CONSULTATION

TO:	Horsham District Council – Planning Dept
LOCATION:	Nightingale House Coolham Road Coolham West Sussex
DESCRIPTION:	Installation of a small scale 12 panel above ground solar PV array
REFERENCE:	DC/23/2102
RECOMMENDATION:	Advice

SUMMARY OF COMMENTS & RECOMMENDATION:

Whilst there are no issues with the principle of development proposed, the proposed location of the solar array is within an undeveloped green field, representative of the rural countryside. The proposals are considered to result in adverse effect to the landscape character and visual amenity of the area by virtue of the introduction of an urbanising feature in the countryside.

Permission has been granted to change of use of existing agricultural land to domestic residential land associated with Nightingale house under DC/18/0878, which already trespasses the field boundary to the north of Nightingale house. Therefore, in order to preserve the rural qualities of the countryside it is recommended that the solar array is located within the confines of the existing residential curtilage and a new plan submitted for consideration.

Should you be of the view that the adverse effects in the rural countryside location are outweighed by other positive aspects of the proposal, concern is raised to potential conflict between any excavation works carried out for the underground cabling in close proximity of the existing tree and hedgerow corridor. The damage or loss of this field boundary would have a significant impact on the rural qualities of the area.

RECOMMENDED CONDITIONS:

N/A

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