HORSHAM DISTRICT COUNCIL CONSULTATION

TO:	Horsham District Council – Planning Dept
LOCATION:	Gravatts Farm Guildford Road Rudgwick
DESCRIPTION:	Erection of a stable building and hay/equipment store.
REFERENCE:	DC/24/1793
RECOMMENDATION:	No Objection

SUMMARY OF COMMENTS & RECOMMENDATION:

The proposed stable building and hey hay/equipment store are proposed to be sited in a wooded area to the north of the main dewing house. The woodland is not ancient woodland and is a fairly young plantation, which is believed to have been planted in the 1970s. The planting density and spacing between the trees coupled with the age of the tree stock in the area appears to support this.

MAIN COMMENTS:

The bulk of the trees in the woodland are mainly Ash, with several young oaks. For the most part, the Ash are standing dead trees, and the ones that are alive are showing clear and advanced signs of infection with Ash dieback. Due to the poor condition of the Ash trees in the area where the new buildings are proposed, they will need to be removed regardless of the outcome of this application and shouldn't be considered as a constraint on the development for this reason.

The buildings would be accessed by a set of existing tracks, which will need to be extended. However, this is achievable without impacting the retained trees in the area, due to the location and number of trees that need to be removed; this is acceptable.

No arboricultural concerns are raised with the development proposals.

ANY RECOMMENDED CONDITIONS:N/A	
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