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From: Alice.Johnson
Sent: 12 October 2026 08:56
To: Planning
Subject: FW: DC/26/0660, Ingfield Manor School

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Good morning,

Please can this be redacted as necessary and uploaded to the application.

Kind regards,

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From: Trees <trees@horsham.gov.uk>
Sent: 01 October 2026 14:23
To: Alice.Johnson <Alice.Johnson@horsham.gov.uk>
Subject: RE: DC/26/0660, Ingfield Manor School

Afternoon Alice,

No problem, I've happy to have a quick look at this one for you.

From the submitted information it is apparent that the proposed drainage route passes through two tree groups, namely TG77 and TG55.

In the case of TG77, the arboricultural survey identifies the group as a Category C mixed species woodland comprising predominantly naturally regenerated Ash, Beech, bramble, fallen deadwood and a small number of Cypress. The trees appear relatively young and of limited individual arboricultural value, which likely explains why no significant concerns have been raised regarding either the drainage alignment or the proposed methodology. Given the age and character of the group, the trees are likely to be more tolerant of localised disturbance than larger, mature specimens, and any impacts are therefore unlikely to be significant from an arboricultural perspective.

TG55 comprises a group of coppiced Hornbeam categorised as B2 trees with an estimated remaining contribution of more than 20 years. The trees are described as being in good physiological condition with no significant defects, with only limited crown lifting proposed to facilitate future access. Whilst the group provides some local amenity and screening benefit, its contribution appears relatively contained within the site and it does not represent a particularly prominent arboricultural feature within the wider landscape.

On that basis, I can see why Andy has taken a relatively proportionate view of the proposed RPA incursions. Had the proposals affected larger, higher-quality trees, particularly mature individual specimens, I would have anticipated a greater level of scrutiny and more robust mitigation measures. However, based on the information available, the conclusions reached appear reasonable when considered against the quality of the affected trees and the wider tree coverage at the site.

I hope the above is of use to you,

Best,

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