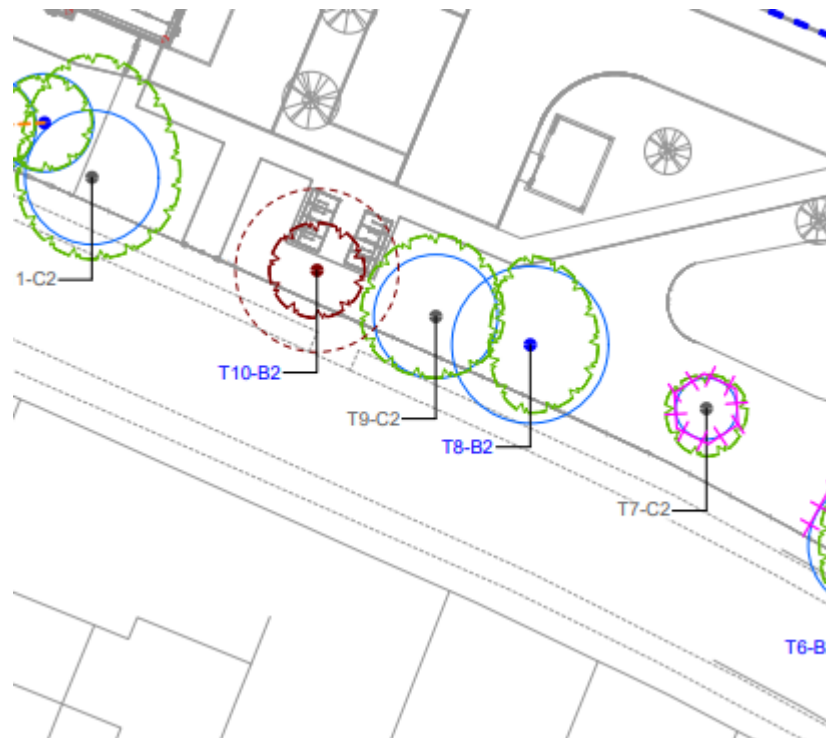




HORSHAM DISTRICT COUNCIL CONSULTATION

TO:	Horsham District Council – Planning Dept
LOCATION:	Greenway Academy Greenway Horsham
DESCRIPTION:	Variation of Conditions 1, 3, 4, 5, 6, 9, 20 and 23 to previously approved application DC/22/1954 (Demolition of existing school buildings and the construction of a new part two storey, part single storey teaching block with external play areas, canopy, photovoltaic panels and landscaping) relating to amended plans and pre-commencement conditions.
REFERENCE:	DC/26/1048
RECOMMENDATION:	Advice
SUMMARY OF COMMENTS & RECOMMENDATION: The submitted arboricultural information includes an updated Arboricultural Method Statement and Tree Protection Drw No. Pla SRP1029-LLB-00-EX-D-O-2004 and additional TPPs to address the revised proposals. The submitted Arboricultural Method Statement (AMS) and Tree Protection Plan (TPP) is a fair assess of the tree stock at the site and the potential tree related impacts of the scheme. Subject to compliance with the measures outlined in the AMS & TPP coupled with the supervision requirements, I raise no arboricultural objection to the variation of conditions application. Subject to the development being carried out in accordance with the submitted Arboricultural Method Statement, Tree Protection Plan and Arboricultural Supervision Schedule, no arboricultural concerns are raised to the proposed variation of conditions.	
MAIN COMMENTS: The revised proposals involve some minor encroachment into the Root Protection Areas (RPAs) of retained trees T10 and T23 to facilitate a temporary construction access and parking area. The submitted methodology stats that excavation within these areas will be undertaken using hand tools under arboricultural supervision, with suitable ground protection measures installed to minimise root disturbance and soil compaction. This approach is considered acceptable in principle. The AMS identifies the removal of T11 (Category C2 Oak) to facilitate the development. The level of tree loss is limited and is not considered significant within the context of the wider tree resource on site.	

In addition, there appears to be a minor discrepancy between the AMS, which identifies T10 for retention, and the Tree Protection and Retention Plans, which appears to show T10 for removal.



Clarification is required and if needed the arboricultural documentation should be updated to provide a consistent assessment of the tree's status.

Tree surgery works are limited to:

- T12: Lateral reduction on the northern side of the canopy by 1 metre.
- H24: Lateral reduction on the western side by up to 3 metres.
- G25: Lateral reduction on the western side by up to 3 metres.
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These works are modest in scale and are proposed to facilitate construction activities and the erection of hoarding. Subject works being carried out in accordance with the current industry standard, BS 3998:2010 Tree Work Recommendations. The works should not give rise to harm to the health, condition, or amenity value of the trees.

The submitted information also provides for arboricultural supervision during works within RPAs, demolition activities adjacent to retained trees and hard surface removal where required. Appropriate BS5837:2012 tree protection fencing and construction exclusion zones are proposed throughout the construction period; this is satisfactory.

ANY RECOMMENDED CONDITIONS: N/A

NAME:	Andy Bush Arboricultural officer (Planning)
DEPARTMENT:	STRATEGIC PLANNING - SPECIALISTS
DATE:	13/08/26