HORSHAM DISTRICT COUNCIL CONSULTATION

TO:	Horsham District Council – Planning Dept
LOCATION:	Heatherbank, Birch Tree Lane, West Chiltington RH20 2RG
DESCRIPTION:	
REFERENCE:	DC/24/0228
RECOMMENDATION:	~~Advice / No Objection /~~ Objection ~~/ More Information / Modification / Refusal~~
SUMMARY OF COMMENTS & RECOMMENDATION: Proposal will harm the non-designated heritage asset and fail to preserve the character of the conservation area.	

MAIN COMMENTS:

Dear Shazia,

The Council has recently adopted the area of West Chiltington containing most of the Wells Cottages as a conservation area and included each cottage on the List of Buildings of Local Architectural, Historic and Townscape Merit. Heatherbank is a good example of the dwellings Reginald Fairfax Wells designed and built to reflect his architectural style and world view. Despite having been altered and extended in the more recent past it retains much of its earliest fabric and the intended appearance.

The principle of further extension is agreeable but this should be executed in a way to reinforce the particular character and appearance of a Wells cottage. The current proposal, although of high quality detailing and materials, does not reflect the individual character of Heatherbank or reinforce the architectural style that characterises Wells's work. For this reason the proposal will result in harm to a non-designated heritage asset. The impact to the character of the conservation area will be slight but even so the proposal will fail to preserve that character we seek to preserve.

I am happy to speak with the applicant and their agent about an appropriate approach to extension.

Regards,
Seán

ANY RECOMMENDED CONDITIONS: N/A

NAME:	Seán Rix
DEPARTMENT:	Conservation
DATE:	10.04.24