HORSHAM DISTRICT COUNCIL CONSULTATION

TO:	Horsham District Council – Planning Dept
LOCATION:	Moat Cottage, Worthing Road, Dial Post
DESCRIPTION:	Erection of a 3.6m close boarded fence located to the eastern boundary
REFERENCE:	DC-25-1988
RECOMMENDATION:	Advice

SUMMARY OF COMMENTS & RECOMMENDATION:

No significant concerns in respect of arboricultural impacts. Current mature vegetation present on site would provide limited seasonal visual screening of the new structure. Further soft landscape information may be required in this respect.

MAIN COMMENTS:

The proposed fence would be situated on an alignment behind a mixed species partially outgrown hedgerow that bounds the property curtilage and borders the adjacent WSCC highway margins.

The existing hedge is a mix of native and exotic species that are principally deciduous. It has historically been managed by intermittent lopping at various heights. It is sparse in places and contains a significant percentage of dead elm, and ash and thorn trees of indifferent form and condition. It currently provides limited screening during the winter.

Behind the fence at the Eastern end is a line of mature cypress trees planted as a hedge/screen to the buildings beyond. This line of trees has been formerly maintained in height by lopping. The most recent topping of the trees appears to have resulted in very little live growth remaining. These trees will not effectively have a screening function in the future and may realistically be removed if a solid barrier screen is installed.

If the acceptability of the proposed structure is dependant upon its visual intrusiveness, I recommend that details are required, at this stage of the planning process, of a comprehensive scheme of landscape mitigation to provide appropriate camouflage.

The landscape team should subsequently be consulted on the appropriateness of the scheme of mitigation planting/landscape enhancement and its achievability/condition control to maintain longer term screening.

ANY RECOMMENDED CONDITIONS: N/A	
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