HORSHAM DISTRICT COUNCIL CONSULTATION

TO:	Horsham District Council – Planning Dept
LOCATION:	Ghyll House Farm, Limekiln Farm Broadwater Lane Copsale West Sussex
DESCRIPTION:	pplication for Approval of Details Reserved by Conditions 4, 5, 6, 7, 9, 12, 13 & 14 to approved application DC/23/1325
REFERENCE:	DISC/24/0212
RECOMMENDATION:	Holding objection / more info

SUMMARY OF COMMENTS & RECOMMENDATION:

While it is positive to see that the main building proposed at the site has been moved so that it doesn't fall within the RPA of a retained tree. However, The submitted Arboricultural Method Statement does not satisfactorily conform with the requirements of the current industry standard BS5837 Trees in relation to design, demolition and construction – Recommendations (2012). Whereby the level of detail required to make a fair assessment of the impacts of the development on trees, particularly with regard to how the no-dig access at the entrance to the site will be built is somewhat lacking.

To discharge condition 4 of DC/23/1325, please request additional information, on this aspect of the development in the form of an Arboricultural impact assessment (AIA) and revised Arboricultural Method Statement (AMS), which sets out exactly how the works will be completed in a way that limits the impact on the trees in the area, site monitoring, and a Tree Protection Plan with appropriate tree protection fencing. This information should be prepared by a person who has, through relevant education, training and experience, gained expertise in the field of trees in relation to construction. Full guidance on the survey information, tree protection plan and impact assessment that should be provided with an application is set out in the current BS5837 Trees in relation to design, demolition and construction – Recommendations'. Using the methodology set out in the BS should help to ensure that development is suitably integrated with trees and that potential conflicts are avoided.

MAIN COMMENTS: N/A	
ANY RECOMMENDED CONDITIONS:N/A	
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DATE:	11/10/24