



Horsham
District
Council

HORSHAM DISTRICT COUNCIL CONSULTATION

TO:	Horsham District Council – Planning Dept
LOCATION:	The Sports Pavilion Church Lane Ashington
DESCRIPTION:	Change of Use of the site to create a small-scale wellness retreat, to provide sauna, cold water therapy and relaxation facilities. Erection of a timber-framed reception/office, changing rooms, a mobile sauna, outdoor showers, two cold plunge pools, timber decking, a timber pergola and associated landscaping.
REFERENCE:	DC/26/1205
RECOMMENDATION:	Advice / No Objection / Objection / More Information / Modification / Refusal
SUMMARY OF COMMENTS & RECOMMENDATION:	
See below	
MAIN COMMENTS:	
The church of St Peter and St Paul is listed as grade 2* and consequently has more than special interest. The church was deliberately sited to be a focal point, and even today is clearly visible along Church Street. The views of the church and its appreciation within the settlement help to ensure a sense of place. The structures associated with the application would be located between the Scout Hall and the footpath, and therefore to some extent would obscure views of part of the church when viewed from the east. There would also be a concern that this previously more open area of land will now become enclosed due to the nature of its use, and the structures proposed. The high fencing, lighting and structures so close to the path are not characteristic of this part of Church Street and could appear incongruous, and would not be in keeping with the wider streetscene.	
ANY RECOMMENDED CONDITIONS:	
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DEPARTMENT:	Strategic Planning
DATE:	23.09.2026

