



HORSHAM DISTRICT COUNCIL CONSULTATION

TO:	Horsham District Council – Planning Dept
LOCATION:	Public Open Space at Charrington Way, Broadbridge Heath
DESCRIPTION:	Renewal / regeneration of a play and recreation area, including a larger MUGA with a sensory trail and wild walk with additional landscaping, existing fitness equipment to be re-purposed onto a hardstanding area and pathways to be widened and increased
REFERENCE:	DC-26-0022
RECOMMENDATION:	Advice / No Objection
SUMMARY OF COMMENTS & RECOMMENDATION:	
No significant arboricultural concerns	
MAIN COMMENTS:	
All of the trees present at or immediately adjacent to the site/access point or within potential area of the proposed development/associated process are young or early mature in age and mostly of indifferent form and condition. There are two early mature oaks adjacent to the area of proposed MUGGA expansion, likely planted as part of the larger screening belt of trees along the boundary with the industrial estate to the North. These two trees have not been subject of formative pruning and thus have low, relatively large branching growing out to the South towards the area of proposed formal playground development. Some crown lifting of the trees will be required in the short to medium term to maintain reasonable separation to the MUGGA. The size of pruning wounds this would inflict means pruning may have to be limited, somewhat compromising the future form of the trees which as a species, potentially have significant growth potential. If minded to approve the development, it may be considered prudent (regardless of the existence of an unsurfaced PROW in the area concerned) to control access and circulation for both pedestrian and plant access associated with the implementation of the development and thus seek to conserve the key rooting area of these trees from compaction or other potential impacts associated with the development process.	

ANY RECOMMENDED CONDITIONS:

Bespoke condition may be considered appropriate to restrict all access North of the proposed line of the MUGGA by using a tree protection barrier erected 4m from the stems of the nearest two oak trees along the length of the proposed MUGGA, to be maintained for the duration of all associated development.

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