HORSHAM DISTRICT COUNCIL CONSULTATION

TO:	Horsham District Council – Planning Dept
LOCATION:	Land Parcel at 519465 134242 Rusper Road Horsham West Sussex
DESCRIPTION:	Reserved Matters pursuant to Condition 5 of Outline Planning Permission reference DC/16/1677 for the creation of the Sub-Phase 2A Strategic Landscape Buffer.
REFERENCE:	DC/26/1322
RECOMMENDATION:	Modification / More Information

SUMMARY OF COMMENTS & RECOMMENDATION:

Modification is requested in order to ensure the objectives of the Strategic Landscape Buffer are met and that the proposals are deliverable. See details below.

MAIN COMMENTS:

Modification - Action required

1. *Corylus colurna*, *Prunus avium 'Plena'* and *Malus 'Evereste'* are noted to be core components of the Secondary and Tertiary Street Trees palette approved under DISC/26/0145. In order to ensure diversity and structural landscape effect as deemed appropriate for the strategic landscape buffer, these species should be replaced with those that reflect the local landscape character (I2 Warnham & Rusper Wooded Ridge & K2 Faygate & Warnham Vale LCAs). Please consider species such as *Sorbus torminalis*, *Ilex aquifolium* and DED resistant Elms such as *Ulmus 'New Horizon'* (the latter as also suggested by HDC's Arboriculturalist).
2. Planting labels have been censored from the planting proposals. Please amend to ensure these are visible.
3. Please include proposed density for 'General planting'.
4. Please include a planting schedule for 'Existing vegetation to be densified'. 5.42 of the EMMP refers to this schedule, however it has not been provided.
5. [Table 1 EMMP] '*When appropriate*' is not enough detail; please specify when guards and shelters are to be removed, such as, '*upon successful establishment or after 4 years of planting, whichever is sooner*'.
6. Please provide information on watering regimes for successful establishment.

More information – Action requested

7. Plant stock used in proximity to Ancient Woodland (AW) must be locally sourced from suppliers of accredited UK Sourced and Grown stock, in accordance with Woodland Trust guidance. Supplier information is requested.

Recommendations – Amendments to be considered

8. Where mulch is applied around tree stems, a 120mm collar should be left free of mulch to prevent rotting.

9. As previously discussed, the use of chemical fertilisers, pesticides and herbicides including glyphosate should be avoided, particularly in proximity to AW and other sensitive landscape features. The Landscape Specification should be amended accordingly with non-chemical methods of weed control specified as the preferred approach, except where treatment is required for the control of Schedule 9 species. Please refer to pan-uk.org for guidance and resources on alternative methods. Any treatment required for invasive species should be undertaken in accordance with appropriate ecological advice.	
RECOMMENDED CONDITIONS: N/A	
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