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To: Planning
Subject: DC/26/0035 Beth Tinning

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Good afternoon,

I hope this email finds the receiver well.

As directed on a Horsham District Planning Application through residents doors, please see the below comment regarding application ref DC/26/ 0035.

I would like to emphasise that I am not opposed to the planning proposal as a whole. My comments are intended to ensure that the existing aesthetic, setting, and noise-buffering qualities of the area are properly retained and, where possible, restored. In doing so, this would also support the long-term protection and enhancement of the local environment for both current residents and future users of the site.

1. Existing Hedgerow / Boundary

I would like to raise a concern regarding the areas described as “existing hedgerow” that is on the map as being near Spring gardens 1&2.

My understanding and what I watched is that when the current occupants first purchased the land, the original treeline was significantly cut back for the stable and driveway to be built.

However, the tree cutting was done all the way to the end of the field to the end gate. For this reason, the comment further below is for us to think of the whole hedgerow rather than just near spring gardens 1&2 mentioned, if possible, particular if there are further plans for the end of the field in the future.

The cutting of the treeline (referred to as now hedgerow) had a substantial impact on the effectiveness of the boundary between the site and the whole of Spring Gardens residential road, affecting outlook, boundary definition, the overall aesthetic of the area, and noise mitigation from the main road.

The density of this boundary has never recovered, to the extent that it is now referred to as a “hedgerow” rather than what was previously a mature treeline. There are still noticeable huge gaps where there is little to no coverage whereas before the coverage was thick and high.

I am unsure what the reason was for this change. It would also be of interest if this had permission in the first place considering it is now being protected in light of this planning application.

As part of the resolution, I would strongly support the reinstatement of a mature barrier in this location through the planting of appropriate hedgerow and/or trees. This would help mitigate construction impacts, improve noise attenuation, restore visual screening, and also help soften the visual impact of temporary tree protection fencing, which can otherwise be an eyesore for nearby residents during the construction period.

2. Treeline and Tree Protection

It is encouraging to see that many tree roots have been identified and are proposed to be protected. However, it should be noted that a number of trees were more recently cut down to their bases by the landowners in 2025. The remaining stumps are visible from the small footbridge over the stream, leading towards the road, creating a noticeable cleared appearance. One tree was also removed from the traffic island. I did report this at the time via West Sussex website as it concerned public verges and public footpath which is runs along.

The reason for this work was unclear and it was sad to see these trees disappear so quickly.

As a positive outcome, it would be beneficial if the tree inspector could ensure these specific trees/ area are also included within the tree protection strategy (from my understand of reading the map they are not there). This would allow regrowth and long-term restoration to their previous height and function.

This would help preserve the original character of the area coming directly in to Spring gardens residential area and reduce the visual and noise impacts currently experienced, especially by the lower properties along Spring Gardens.

Many thanks for your time,



Resident of spring gardens, Rh203bs