HORSHAM DISTRICT COUNCIL CONSULTATION

TO:	Horsham District Council – Planning Dept
LOCATION:	Land North of Horsham Old Holbrook Horsham West Sussex
DESCRIPTION:	Discharge S106 obligation (DC/16/1677) relating to Part 7, Schedule 4 in relation to the location and layout of local landscaped areas of play (LLAPs) in Phase 2.
REFERENCE:	S106/24/0006
RECOMMENDATION:	Advice / More Information

SUMMARY OF COMMENTS & RECOMMENDATION:

Comments submitted by HDC Parks and Countryside are fully endorsed and their requests for modification and more information are seconded.

The proposed layout and naturalistic treatment is welcomed from a landscape perspective, however we feel there is opportunity for further planting in order to enhance the scheme.

Recommendations are made below.

Manager revisions and sign off in blue.

MAIN COMMENTS:

1. Please consider creating pockets of sensory planting within the scheme, as well as lining portions of the sensory route for enhanced sensory play. We recommend ornamental grasses with large panicles and multiple species of perennials to release fragrance when disturbed and to provide extended seasonal interest.
2. There is opportunity for further planting around the self-binding gravel in order to assist with drainage from the proposed mounds.
3. Planting details are not yet provided. Please provide:
    a. A planting schedule specifying numbers, sizes, densities and species. Planting schedule to also include grass seeding, wildflower or turfing details.
    b. Tree pit and staking/underground guying details, including details for planting on sloping ground.
4. ~~Opportunities for inclusive spaces for girls and young people must be considered in full. Semi-private spaces and sheltered seating that allows girls to face each other is desirable. We recommend providing a group seating arrangement with~~

~~additional planting to give teenage girls the space to play and feel safe and welcome.~~ It is acknowledged the requirements of a LLAP, as described in HDC's Open Space, Sports and Recreation Review, does not require provision of elements for Young People as this fall within the provision for children category.

5. Please include the provision of a bin at the entrance and exit of the play area. Also note for information that the guidance recommends the provision of a dog bin on the perimeter of the green space or park in which the play area is located. It is recognised that this may not be within the red line boundary of this application.
6. Provide a hard and soft Landscape specification (NBS compliant)
7. Details of retaining wall including height, width, materials.

RECOMMENDED CONDITIONS: N/A

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