



HORSHAM DISTRICT COUNCIL CONSULTATION

TO:	Horsham District Council – Planning Dept
LOCATION:	Horsham Park, Horsham
DESCRIPTION:	Erection of a memorial statue
REFERENCE:	DC/26/0227
RECOMMENDATION:	Advice / No Objection / Objection / More Information / Modification / Refusal
SUMMARY OF COMMENTS & RECOMMENDATION:	
MAIN COMMENTS: Percy Bysshe Shelley was born in Warnham, the son of a wealthy landowner who was later educated at Eton and Oxford University (before being expelled). His second wife was the famous author Mary Shelley who wrote the enduring classic Frankenstein. Shelley is known as one of the major English Romantic Poets, as well as within his lifetime having radical political and social views. The proposed statue would be located within the historic setting of Horsham Park, and would be framed by the trees and soft landscaping. It would be suggested that such a statue would not be unexpected within the setting of a country house, and no objection would be raised. It would be suggested however that an interpretation board should be placed by the statue to help visitors to recognise, be educated in and engage with Shelley's work. The educational context of the artist and his work should be explored along with the interlinked wider Romantic Movement, as well as his radical ideology which today particularly in terms of his relationships with young women could be considered contradictory.	
ANY RECOMMENDED CONDITIONS:	
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