HORSHAM DISTRICT COUNCIL CONSULTATION

TO:	Horsham District Council – Planning Dept
LOCATION:	Pennthorpe School Church Street Rudgwick West Sussex
DESCRIPTION:	Retention of earth bank adjacent to all-weather sports pitch (Retrospective)
REFERENCE:	DC/25/0239
RECOMMENDATION:	Modification

SUMMARY OF COMMENTS & RECOMMENDATION:

We are satisfied that our concerns raised under DC/24/0232 have largely been addressed, however given the lack of clarity in regard to what level of retrospective planting has taken place and/or failed, we wish to highlight the requirement of a biodegradable stabilisation blanket alongside future planting.

As per our comments under DISC/25/0052, we request the following amendments are made to the submitted information prior to approval:

1. Landscape proposals
    a. We welcome the planting mix and species. However, please amend all whip sizes to be minimum heights of 60-80cm, 2 year growth, 1+1 transplant.
2. Planting specification & LMMP
    a. We advise that backfill should replicate existing soil profile by using soil excavated from planting pits, only amended with imported soils if necessary. No fertiliser should be used in order to encourage successful establishment.
    b. In regard to mulch, please amend tree pit details and the LMP to reflect that a 120mm collar should be left free of mulch to prevent the stem/trunk from rotting.
3. Tree pit detail
    a. Please amend tree pit details to include details on sloping ground, given the 32° slope gradient in certain areas.

RECOMMENDED CONDITIONS: N/A

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DATE:	25/03/2025