HORSHAM DISTRICT COUNCIL CONSULTATION

TO:	Horsham District Council – Planning Dept
LOCATION:	Dedisham Farm Guildford Road Slinfold West Sussex
DESCRIPTION:	Application for Approval of Details Reserved by Condition 4 to approved application DC/22/1947
REFERENCE:	DISC/24/0165
RECOMMENDATION:	Modification

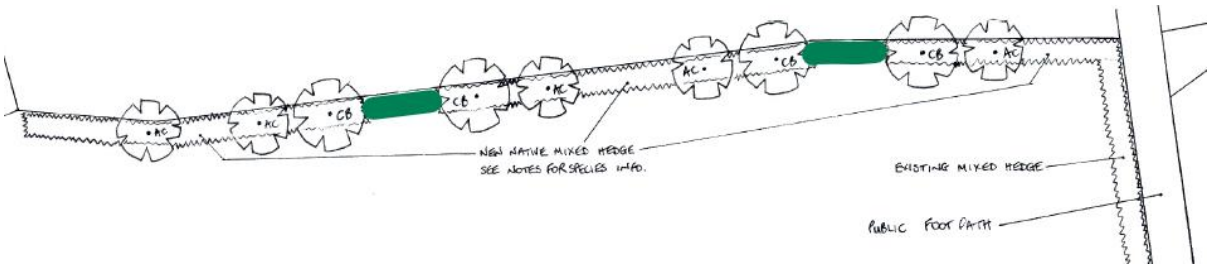
SUMMARY OF COMMENTS & RECOMMENDATION:

Planting plans provided with thanks. However, minor modification is requested in order to secure the landscape mitigation strategy.

MAIN COMMENTS:

The details provided regarding species, proportions and densities are welcomed, however some amendments are requested to be made:

1. Please modify to include hedgerow planting along the entire length of the boundary in order to increase ecological and green corridor connectivity, as indicated in green below.



2. Please amend tree/hedgerow planting and pit details to reflect:
    a. Bare root plants to be planted Nov-Feb.
    b. Tree pit size no deeper than the root system and at least one and a half times as wide.
    c. Base of tree pit should be left undisturbed unless significant drainage problems are apparent.
    d. 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.

e. Minimum 50mm layer of mulch should be applied to a 1m diameter around the stem/trunk. Leave a 120mm collar free of mulch to prevent the stem/trunk from rotting.

f. Stakes, ties and guards to be checked regularly and adjusted, repaired or replaced and removed upon successful establishment.

g. Base of trees and hedgerow to be hand weeded regularly, especially during May-Sep. Note that chemical fertilisers, pesticides and herbicides including glyphosate are not to be applied at any time due to impacts on hedgerows and the protection of their ecological features.

3. Please amend sizing of Carpinus betulus and Acer campestre trees to be 10-12 Standard and/or 12-14 Heavy Standard.

RECOMMENDED CONDITIONS: N/A

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