



HORSHAM DISTRICT COUNCIL CONSULTATION

TO:	Horsham District Council – Planning Dept
LOCATION:	Collyers School 82 Hurst Road Horsham
DESCRIPTION:	Phased development of a Technology Centre consisting of two buildings, associated landscaping, and reconfigured access and parking.
REFERENCE:	DC/26/1089
RECOMMENDATION:	Advice
SUMMARY OF COMMENTS & RECOMMENDATION: The application is supported by an Arboricultural Impact Assessment (AIA) and Arboricultural Method Statement (AMS) relating to the proposed New Technology Centre, which together provide a fair assessment of the quality of the site's tree stock and the likely arboricultural impacts arising from the proposed development. The AIA identifies 73 individual trees and 2 hedges, comprising 1 Category A tree, 39 Category B trees and 33 Category C trees. The development proposes the removal of 23 trees in total, including 5 Category B trees (T18, T19, T33, T34 and T46) and 18 Category C trees (T16, T17, T32, T47-T60 and T68). No Category A trees are proposed for removal.	
MAIN COMMENTS: The submitted documents advise that most of the site's higher-quality trees will be retained and protected throughout the development, should it be approved. The proposed removals are primarily located in the southern part of the site adjoining Hurst Road. None of the trees identified for removal are of such arboricultural quality that their loss could not be adequately mitigated through replacement tree planting. Minor incursions into the Root Protection Areas (RPAs) of retained trees T31, T44, T66, T72 and T74 are proposed, ranging from 0.1% to 6% of the calculated RPA. These encroachments are relatively minor and fall within generally tolerable limits, remaining well below 20% of the total RPA area of the affected trees. The affected trees are relatively young and are considered capable of tolerating the proposed works within their RPAs. Where incursions are proposed, mitigation measures include no-dig cellular confinement construction techniques, protective fencing, and arboricultural supervision. In this instance, these measures are considered acceptable. Subject to the implementation of the AMS, tree protection measures, and replacement planting secured through the associated landscaping proposals, I am satisfied that the	

development can proceed without resulting in an unacceptable impact on the retained trees within the site.

ANY RECOMMENDED CONDITIONS: yes –

6.8 Arboricultural Method Statement - Implementation

Regulatory Condition: All works shall be executed in full accordance with the submitted Arboricultural Impact Assessment/Method Statement [INSERT - Title, Reference, Date].

Reason: To ensure the successful and satisfactory protection of important trees, shrubs and hedges on the site in accordance with Policies 30 and 33 of the Horsham District Planning Framework (2015).

NAME:	Andy Bush Arboricultural officer (Planning)
DEPARTMENT:	STRATEGIC PLANNING - SPECIALISTS
DATE:	09/08/26