



HORSHAM DISTRICT COUNCIL CONSULTATION

TO:	Horsham District Council – Planning Dept
LOCATION:	Gorelands Farm, Stane Street, North Heath
DESCRIPTION:	Demolition of an existing agricultural building and erection of a dwelling (As an alternative to Prior Approval Ref DC/25/0707)
REFERENCE:	DC-26-0597
RECOMMENDATION:	Advice
SUMMARY OF COMMENTS & RECOMMENDATION:	
The site has several mature trees around the property edges that make a positive contribution to the landscape character. These trees are proposed for retention as part of the potential re-development of the site. An appropriate Arboricultural Method statement would be required to ensure the protection of the trees from the development process and conservation of the their future health/longer term retention.	
MAIN COMMENTS:	
The rural setting of the site means that public visibility is restricted to glimpsed views from the PROW that passes along the access track circa 40m to the North. The arboricultural setting is fairly typical of the local rural context with the hedgerow oak trees forming the dominant features. The application is accompanied by a tree survey and report which gives a fair description of the species, size and position of trees present at the site. The report states that the principal trees (A and B grade) proposed for retention are not considered constraints on the site development and appears to focus on the potential pruning desires for the trees allied to the proposed change of use. No trees of landscape significance are proposed to be felled. No draft tree protection plan has been proposed/included. If acceptable in other terms, it would be necessary to provide both tree protection measures and potentially some sensitive demolition/engineering practices to safeguard the retention of the trees identified from development harm.	
ANY RECOMMENDED CONDITIONS:	

Yes – Standard pre-commencement condition 3.9 **Arboricultural Method Statement required**

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