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To: "Planning" <planning@horsham.gov.uk>
Subject: Comments for Planning Application DC/24/1882
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Comments summary

Dear Sir/Madam,

Planning Application comments have been made. A summary of the comments is provided below.

Comments were submitted at 31/12/2024 7:50 PM.

Application Summary

Address:	Afon Worthing Road Horsham West Sussex RH12 1TL
Proposal:	Fell 2x Alder and group G21.
Case Officer:	Andrew Bush

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Customer Details

Address:	34 Cricketfield Road Horsham

Comments Details

Commenter Type:	Neighbour
Stance:	Customer objects to the Planning Application
Reasons for comment:	- Privacy Light and Noise - Trees and Landscaping
Comments:	Summary ======= We support the pruning of trees T1 and T6. Importantly, this support is conditional on reasonable measures to maintain privacy, reduce light pollution and minimise environmental impact. Situation ======

We support the proper maintenance of trees. There should be a principle that any trees removed should be replaced with new trees with the potential for similar scale and proportion. This will maintain the character of the area, support the environment and maintain privacy.

Our garden shares a section of the boundary along the southern fence of the Afon building. A number of trees (T1-T6 in the Tree Location Plan) impact heavily our privacy from the first, second and third floor windows of the building which overlook our garden and the rear of our house. The existing trees provide important screening from the overlooking office windows of the building. The trees also block some (but not all) of the light pollution from the building.

Impact of planning application
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1. A reduction of tree coverage will lead to much greater visibility of office lights into our garden and house in the evening/night. This will be particularly noticeable during the spring & summer when the light pollution is disruptive and affects our quality of life.
2. This impact is exacerbated by the car park lights which are left on overnight.
3. Also, leaving internal and external lights on during the evening and overnight when no-one is about is not environmentally conscious. It also incurs unnecessary costs for Afon.
4. Our privacy will be reduced because of greater overlooking from the offices caused by less foliage. This is particularly noticeable when we try to enjoy our garden in the summer months.

Proposal
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We ask that conditions are imposed to reduce out-of-hours use of both internal and external lights. This will mitigate the impact of the tree maintenance. Many companies use motion-triggered lighting or use a timer, which provides a win-win solution.

Benefit
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If such light pollution measures were implemented before or at the same time as tree maintenance, then we have no objection. It will also benefit Afon.

Kind regards

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