



HORSHAM DISTRICT COUNCIL CONSULTATION

TO:	Horsham District Council – Planning Dept
LOCATION:	College of Sir Richard Collyer, 82 Hurst Road, Horsham
DESCRIPTION:	Installation of temporary office building and a single storey double classroom building
REFERENCE:	DC/26/0655
RECOMMENDATION:	Advice
SUMMARY OF COMMENTS & RECOMMENDATION:	
No tree-related documents have been submitted with the application; as such, it is not possible to undertake a full assessment of the potential tree-related impact of the proposed scheme. The comments provided are therefore based on a desktop assessment and existing knowledge of the site obtained from a previous site visit. There is a belt of mature trees to the northwest of the proposed structure. These trees are prominent within the landscape and help to screen the site from the residential area to the northwest (Angus Close). From the submitted information, it would appear that the Root Protection Areas (RPAs) of the trees in question are unlikely to be affected by the location of the proposed building. However, it is noted that no tree protection measures have been proposed to safeguard the RPAs during the construction process. As such, it would be beneficial for a Tree Protection Plan to be provided, setting out the extent of the RPAs and appropriate protective fencing or secured by condition, to ensure that these areas are not impacted by the construction works. The comments of the Council's Ecology Officer are noted, and I agree that any new planting relating to the landscaping or biodiversity net gain (BNG) aspects of the scheme should be located outside the RPAs and canopy spread of the mature trees in the area.	

MAIN COMMENTS: N/A

ANY RECOMMENDED CONDITIONS: Yes – bespoke Tree Protection Plan Condition

Pre commencement: No development shall commence until a Tree Protection Plan has been submitted to and approved in writing by the Local Planning Authority. The plan shall show the Root Protection Areas of retained trees near the area of development, and the location and specification of protective fencing in accordance with BS 5837:2012.

The approved measures shall be installed prior to commencement and retained for the duration of the works.

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:	17/06/26