



HORSHAM DISTRICT COUNCIL CONSULTATION

TO:	Horsham District Council – Planning Dept
LOCATION:	Jendens Farm, Smithers Hill Lane, Shipley
DESCRIPTION:	Retention and completion of partially constructed cabin (in place of a mobile home now removed) to be used as groom / farm workers accommodation
REFERENCE:	DC-26-0648
RECOMMENDATION:	Advice
SUMMARY OF COMMENTS & RECOMMENDATION:	
No outstanding arboricultural concerns following pre-emptive works to implement development to date. The mature hedgerow oak affected is an intrinsic feature of the Low Weald rural landscape setting and would have potentially been a design constraint on development, prior to lopping and excavations for new foundations already undertaken.	
MAIN COMMENTS:	
The area of construction is relatively close to a field hedgerow and oak tree within it. The tree has been lopped back hard to reduce the crown extent overhanging the area of proposed residential development. Where within the key rooting environment of the tree (circa 12m recommended minimum root protection area) some root disturbance/dysfunction of the rooting area is likely to have occurred, even if the extent of foundations undertaken is restricted to concrete supporting pads and utility trenching/connections have been undertaken in a sensitive manner. Future health of the tree may foreseeably have been impacted upon by the development.	
ANY RECOMMENDED CONDITIONS:	
N/A	

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DEPARTMENT:	STRATEGIC PLANNING - SPECIALISTS
DATE:	13/05/26