



To: Halima Chowdhury, Planning Officer, Horsham District Council

From: Christopher Cooley, Hampton Architectural

Date: 18 August 2026

Ref: DC/26/0991, Palmers Stud, West Chiltington Lane, Billingshurst

Dear Halima,

Thank you for your correspondence regarding the planning application at Palmers Stud, and for providing the consultation comments from Laura Downs at the NatureSpace Partnership.

Please find below the clarifications regarding the site plans and the requested photographic evidence to address the Newt Officer's concerns.

1. Site Plan and Building Phasing

The Newt Officer correctly noted that the submitted plans showed amendments to all four buildings on the site. I can confirm that the proposed works apply strictly to the two buildings furthest north, which are the only structures to be demolished and rebuilt as a single-storey garden building.

- The discrepancy on the plans was due to a phasing error in our Revit Software.
- As we have completed numerous applications for this site, the specific phasing for this latest application was not properly isolated during export.
- Please find attached the corrected drawing, **A402_SITE LOCATION PLAN PROPOSED_C.pdf**, which reflects the revised phasing (Revision C, dated 18.08.26).

2. Southeast "Waterbody" Clarification

Regarding the mapping software indicating a waterbody onsite to the southeast of the development, we would like to clarify the true nature of this feature.

- The client has confirmed that the feature in question is strictly a surface water drainage ditch, not an established waterbody.
- To verify this, please see the attached photographs taken today (**20260818_084310_resized.jpg**, **20260818_084331_resized.jpg**, and **20260818_084256_resized.jpg**).
- These images clearly show the dry, overgrown nature of the drainage ditch in relation to the area where the proposed works will take place.

I hope this rectifies the drawing error and alleviates the Newt Officer's concerns regarding the drainage ditch. Please let me know if you require any further documentation to proceed with the application.

Kind Regards,

Chris Cooley Hampton Architectural