

## **WSCC TREE OFFICER response to planning consultation**

**Application reference number:** WSCC/032/17/WC

**Location:** Woodbarn Farm, Adversane Lane, Broadford Bridge, Billingshurst, West Sussex, RH14 9ED

**Proposal:** Amendment of Condition no.2 of planning permission ref: WSCC/037/14/WC to allow for the retention of security fencing, gates & cabins for a further 12 months

**District:** Horsham District Council

**Date:** 25<sup>th</sup> August 2017

**Summary response:** No objection but note comments below

**Response:** As this application is essentially for a time extension of what already exists on site in terms of security fencing, gates and cabins, presumably with no modifications, then there should be no further impact to existing trees on or adjacent to the site.

However, it is noted that the landscaping scheme as required by condition 13 of WSCC/052/12/WC has not established successfully. Good hedgerow growth should be clearly evident assuming it was planted in the first season following the commencement of development. Given that HGV parking is proposed along the access track it is even more important that the hedgerow grows well to provide at least some vertical screening.

If the HGV parking is considered visually intrusive, then only additional trees, with their ultimate height, is likely to mitigate this impact.

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