

WEST SUSSEX COUNTY COUNCIL CONSULTATION

TO:	Horsham District Council FAO: Sam Whitehouse
FROM:	WSCC – Highways Authority
DATE:	28 November 2025
LOCATION:	Land North of Guildford Road Bucks Green Rudgwick West Sussex
SUBJECT:	DC/25/1269 Outline Planning Application for up to 90 no. residential dwellings (including 40% affordable) all matters to be reserved apart from access. Further information received.
RECOMMENDATION:	Advice

Comments are made in respects of,

- Letter from Motion, reference wlrudg/1810054, dated 17 November 2025

The letter prepared by Motion transport planning (hereafter referred to as the letter) responds to various matters raised within the WSCC Highways response dated 17th October 2025. Taking the matters covered within the letter, the following further comments would be offered.

Road Safety Audit – Motion (as Designer) and WSCC Highways (as Overseeing Organisation) have agreed the various actions arising from the Stage One Road Safety Audit. This item is completed.

Existing Lynwick Street Access – It's previously been identified that this access is to be permanently closed. This situation remains unchanged. No further comment would be made in regards of this by WSCC Highways.

Pedestrian Crossing – As requested, the Applicant has explored enhanced pedestrian crossing options between the development and the various community uses located to the immediate south of the A281. The letter considers two options; a pedestrian refuge (allowing pedestrians to cross the A281 in two stages albeit those crossing have to give way to traffic) and a Puffin cross (a single stage on-demand controlled crossing similar to an existing crossing located on the A281 approximately 150 metres to the east). WSCC Highways considers that either option would in-principle (should they be deliverable) present appropriate options given the likely crossing demands and traffic flows.

The Applicant has however identified issues with the delivery of a pedestrian refuge. These are noted in the submitted letter and are not repeated here.

The Applicant has also investigated a Puffin crossing. The proposed crossing arrangement has been considered by the WSCC Traffic Signals team. No in-principle issues have been raised with the provision of a crossing in the location shown. With regards to the details on the arrangement shown, WSCC would comment that,

- The crossing appears to be overly wide. Based on current WSCC guidance, the crossing should be between 2.4 and 3 metres wide given it is for pedestrians only. The crossing should be reduced in width.
- WSCC would also request increased separation between the proposed junction (primarily vehicles at the give way line) and the crossing. It is acknowledged that space is limited and that this limits the design.
- WSCC would also identify the need for the crossing to be the subject of a Stage One Road Safety. This should be completed in association with those other proposed highway works and prior to the current planning application being determined.

Bus Ticket Subsidy – The Applicants response within the letter is noted. Ultimately, one week of subsidised travel will not influence travel habits for future residents. The Applicant will need to revisit this element especially if the targets within the travel plan place any reliance on increased bus use. Alternately, the Applicant could redirect any monetary sums associated with subsidised bus travel towards other more beneficial measures.

Revised Travel Plan – Although this is referenced in the letter, it is not available for viewing on the Horsham DC website.

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