

WEST SUSSEX COUNTY COUNCIL CONSULTATION

TO:	Horsham District Council FAO: Meg Bayliss
FROM:	Highways, WSCC
DATE:	16/03/2026
LOCATION:	New April Cottage, Furze View, Slinfold, RH13 0RH
SUBJECT:	DC/26/0222 Change of use part of residential dwelling for use as acupuncture clinic.
DATE OF SITE VISIT:	N/A
RECOMMENDATION:	Advice

This application has been dealt with in accordance with the Development Control Scheme protocol for small scale proposals.

WSCC in its role as Local Highway Authority (LHA) has been consulted on highway matters for the proposed change of use of part of residential dwelling for use as an acupuncture clinic. The site is located on Furze View, a privately maintained road – as such, these comments should be considered as advice only.

Access to the maintained highway network is to north at the junction with Five Oaks Road. The LHA has been forwarded trip generation figures, with the proposed clinic anticipated to generate an estimated 20 appointments per week. Based on this, the LHA would not consider that the proposals would give rise to a significant material intensification of use. Appointments are also proposed to be staggered to prevent overlap between clients.

An inspection of collision data provided to WSCC by Sussex Police from a period of the last five years reveals no recorded collisions within the vicinity of the junction with Five Oaks Road. Therefore, there is no evidence to suggest this junction has been operating unsafely, or that the proposals would exacerbate an existing safety concern.

In regards to vehicle parking, from inspection of WSCC mapping, the application site benefits from a driveway providing ample space to accommodate client parking, so no concerns would be raised in this regard.

In summary, the LHA does not consider that this proposal would have an unacceptable impact on highway safety or result in 'severe' cumulative impacts on the operation of the highway network, therefore is not contrary to the National Planning Policy Framework (paragraph 116), and that there are no transport grounds to resist the proposal.

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