# WEST SUSSEX COUNTY COUNCIL CONSULTATION

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| **TO:** | Horsham District Council<br>FAO: Hannah Darley |
| **FROM:** | Highways, WSCC |
| **DATE:** | 23/09/2024 |
| **LOCATION:** | Jessops Farm, Honeybridge Lane, Ashurst, BN44 3AW |
| **SUBJECT:** | DC/24/1407<br>Prior Notification for the Change of Use of Agricultural Buildings to flexible commercial use. |
| **DATE OF SITE VISIT:** | N/A |
| **RECOMMENDATION:** | Advice |
| **S106 CONTRIBUTION TOTAL:** | £N/A |

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

This application seeks prior approval for the proposed change of use of agricultural buildings to flexible commercial use for storage purposes. The site is located off Honeybridge Lane, a C-classified road subject to national speed limit in this location.

As part of the prior approval process, there are a number of matters to be considered. This includes matters relating to highways and transport. However, the GPDO is quite clear as to what highway matters can be considered, namely whether the proposal is likely to result in a material increase or a material change in the character of traffic in the vicinity of the site.

No alterations are proposed to the existing vehicular access arrangements. The LHA would not anticipate that the proposed change of use to storage would result in a significant material intensification of movements to or from the site, when compared with the potential of existing agricultural use.

From inspection of WSCC mapping, there are no apparent visibility issues with the existing access point on Honeybridge Lane. An inspection of collision data supplied to WSCC by Sussex Police over a period the past five years reveals there have been no recorded injury accidents within the vicinity of the site. Therefore, there is no evidence to suggest the existing access is operating unsafely or that the proposal would exacerbate an existing safety concern.

From inspection of the submitted plans and WSCC mapping, there appears to be sufficient space within the site for appropriate parking provision to be accommodated. There is also space for on-site turning to be achievable, allowing vehicles to exit the site in a forward gear.

In summary, the prior approval is considered acceptable in highway terms.

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