

WEST SUSSEX COUNTY COUNCIL CONSULTATION

TO:	Horsham District Council FAO: Shazia Penne
FROM:	WSSC – Highways Authority
DATE:	7 April 2026
LOCATION:	Petrol Filling Station London Road Pulborough RH20 3AT
SUBJECT:	DC/26/0264 Installation of 6no EV parking bays, 3no EV chargers and associated electrical infrastructure. Removal of existing car wash and installation of 2no jet wash bays and 6no standard parking bays.
DATE OF SITE VISIT:	n/a
RECOMMENDATION:	No Objection

Background

WSSC in its role of Local Highway Authority (LHA) has been consulted on the proposals for highway safety, capacity and access.

The development proposals include the demolition of the established car wash, to be replaced with two new jet wash units and six standard parking spaces. The proposals also include the replacement of the existing EV charging bays with three new Alpitronic chargers, five standard EV charging bays, and one accessible EV charging bay. The highway elements of the proposals are supported by way of a Transport Statement (TS).

Comments

The LHA has reviewed the TS dated 21st January 2026 and would offer the following comments:

Parking Layout- The TS provide details of the revised layout with 5 metre by 2 metre bays. Within the appendices of the TS the applicant has included turning space via swept path diagrams for all likely vehicles within the parking area of the site. The EV charging bay specifics would be similar to residential standards and secured in line with Building Regulations.

Capacity- Via comparable sites the TS has demonstrated that the charging facilities are typically occupied three times per day, increasing to five times per day after the first year. This being the case, the development will generate up to 24 additional two-way vehicle trips per day in the first year, increasing to 40 additional two-way trips per day thereafter. The LHA would not raise a capacity concern with the anticipated amount of additional vehicular movements onto the local network over the period anticipated.

Conclusion

Having assessed the TS the LHA would be satisfied the proposals would not warrant an objection on highway safety grounds. The proposals are not considered contrary to the National Planning Policy Framework (NPPF) paragraphs 115 and 116.

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