WEST SUSSEX COUNTY COUNCIL CONSULTATION

TO:	Horsham District Council FAO:
FROM:	WSCC Highways - Public Rights of Way
DATE:	9 September 2024
LOCATION:	Sumners Pond Fishery And Campsite Chapel Road Barns Green West Sussex RH13 0PR
SUBJECT:	DC/24/1043 Installation of non-illuminated flags and hoarding advertising new homes.
DATE OF SITE VISIT:	n/a
RELEVANT PUBLIC RIGHTS OF WAY NUMBER(S):	Public Bridleway 1604
RECOMMENDATION:	More Information
S106 CONTRIBUTION TOTAL:	n/a

Thank you for the opportunity to comment on the above numbered planning application. This proposal has been considered by means of a desktop study, using the information and plans submitted with this application, in conjunction with other available WSCC map information. In respect to the above planning application I would provide the following comments.

The development site is bisected by Public Bridleway 1604. It is noted that the proposed advertising hoarding and flags are immediately adjacent to, or within close proximity to, the public bridleway.

The British Horse Society provides the following advice on the use of flags and banners in proximity to public bridleways:

> "*… flags (traditional and 'feather' flags) and banners should be avoided near equestrian routes. Flags are commonly used promotional items but can cause great difficulty for equestrians with horses not trained with them. The high level of movement that makes them striking for promotion is exactly what makes them hazardous on an equestrian route*", The British Horse Society, Advice on Construction sites and horses, August 2024, http://www.bhs.org.uk/accessadvice

Clarification is therefore sought on what the application means by the term 'static flag' and whether these create movement, which could spook a horse.

I have submitted a hold objection on 30/08/24. If the applicant can provide reassurance that the advertising materials will **not** create movement then I will be pleased to remove the objection. Otherwise, the objection will remain.

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