WEST SUSSEX COUNTY COUNCIL CONSULTATION

TO:	Horsham District Council FAO: Amanda Wilkes
FROM:	Highways, WSCC
DATE:	22/10/2024
LOCATION:	Drill Hall, Denne Road, Horsham, RH12 1JF
SUBJECT:	DC/24/1465 Change of use from Use Class F2 to a mixed-use comprising Use Class F1 and Use Class F2 together with amended hours of operation.
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 the change of use from Class F2 to a mixed-use comprising Class F1 and Class F2 together with amended hours of operation. The site is located on Denne Road, an unclassified road subject to a speed restriction of 30 mph.

As outlined in the submitted Planning Statement, the existing operating times are as follows:

- Monday – Thursday: 10:00 – 23:00
- Friday – Saturday: 10:00 – 00:00
- Sunday and Bank Holidays: 10:00 – 22:30

The proposed amendments to the operating times are as follows:

- Monday – Thursday: 07:00 – 23:00
- Friday – Saturday: 07:00 – 00:00
- Sunday and Bank Holidays: 09:00 – 23:00

Whilst the extended operating times will likely see an increase in movements during these times, the LHA does not anticipate that this would have a significant impact on the operation of the local highway network. Access and parking will remain as per the existing arrangements, with parking being accommodated either on-street or within nearby paid-for provision. There is no evidence to suggest this existing arrangement has been operating unsafely, nor that the proposals would exacerbate an existing safety concern.

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 115), and that there are no transport grounds to resist the proposal.

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