WEST SUSSEX COUNTY COUNCIL CONSULTATION

TO:	Horsham District Council FAO: Marie Riggs
FROM:	WSCC – Highways Authority
DATE:	12 November 2024
LOCATION:	Buchan Country Park, 2 Laundry Cottages, Horsham Road, Southgate, RH11 9HQ
SUBJECT:	DC/24/1565 Creation of vehicular access and parking area to serve 2 Laundry Cottages.
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.

This proposal is for the creation of vehicular access and parking area to serve 2 Laundry Cottages. The site is located off Horsham Road, an A-classified road subject to a speed restriction of 50 mph in this location.

The LHA previously provided consultation advice for this site for application DC/24/0928, raising no highway safety concerns and the application is awaiting a decision.

The applicant proposes a new vehicular access onto a private access road which adjoins the public highway at Horsham Road. Any works to the privately maintained road would be subject to approval from the road's proprietor.

An inspection of collision data provided to WSCC by Sussex Police from a period of the last five years reveals two recorded collisions within the vicinity of the site. However, this was not attributed to the use of the existing junction or access road. Therefore, there is no evidence to suggest the existing junction and access road is operating unsafely, or that its continued use would exacerbate an existing safety concern. This proposal is not anticipated to result in an increased intensification of use on the property.

From inspection of the plans, the proposed driveway is suitably sized to provide two car parking spaces and on-site turning appears achievable.

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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