

WEST SUSSEX COUNTY COUNCIL CONSULTATION

TO:	Horsham District Council FAO: Alice Johnson
FROM:	WSCC Highways - Public Rights of Way
DATE:	8 August 2025
LOCATION:	Danefold House Littleworth Lane Horsham RH13 8NA
SUBJECT:	DC/25/1023 Relocation of existing farm yard manure storage, construction of a silage clamp and construction of a slurry lagoon incorporating importation and use of materials and all associated engineering works.
DATE OF SITE VISIT:	n/a /
RELEVANT PUBLIC RIGHTS OF WAY NUMBER(S):	FP1824/1 and 1830
RECOMMENDATION:	No Objection
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.

Having checked the online documents there appears no direct impact on the two public rights of way referred to above, therefore we raise no objection, however there are some important points the applicant must note.

Firstly FP1824/1 runs along the eastern and northern boundary of the main site and it is important to note that the width of this route cannot be restricted or interrupted in anyway otherwise it would be an offence under the Highways Act 1980. If the applicant is unsure of the legally recorded width then I would encourage they contact WSCC legal services on legal.services@westsussex.gov.uk.

This and any other Public Right of Way (PRoW) near the site must be kept open and available at all times in a safe condition so lawful users can continue to use the route. If for some reason the applicant cannot do this for a short period due to health and safety concerns then they can apply for a temporary path closure by following this link (<https://www.westsussex.gov.uk/land-waste-and-housing/public-paths-and-the-countryside/public-rights-of-way/request-a-change-to-a-public-path/temporary-path-closures/>). Any application must evidence why mitigation cannot be taken by the applicant to retain safe access and why a temporary closure is necessary.

It is an offence to disturb the surface of a Pro without prior consent of WSCC's PRoW team and any enquiries regarding potential works should be directed to prow@westsussex.gov.uk.

Finally FP1830 follows the access track in to site and whilst it is not uncommon for vehicles and PRoW to share the same route there are further points to consider. Firstly public rights take precedent over any private rights of vehicular access therefore any motorised vehicles using this route must give way to lawful public path users. Secondly any damage done to the FP surface due to vehicular use is the responsibility of the applicant/landowner to make good to the same or better standard.

Finally on this point the number of vehicular movements due to this development should be carefully considered and mitigation, such as signs and passing places, should be seriously considered to reduce the risk to lawful path users. This may be places that vehicles can pull over to allow pedestrians past and signage warning both walkers and vehicular users of the potential conflict.

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