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15th April 2024

Re. DC/24/0048

We refer to the consultation letter sent by WSCC – Highways dates 22nd February.

We have taken note of the existing situation and access route summary shown in the letter. You noted that forward visibility from the car park is good with give right of way markings. The Club could provide a convex mirror within the ground to further help vehicles entering the site.

Trip impact worst case scenario:

There would be no extra volume of traffic along the A281, as all the employees work in Horsham and previously in the past have used either other town center car parks or local roads outside the zone. The request is to regularize something that has been in operation for the past 9 months with no effects shown to Gorings Mead. This request could decrease as and when our application DC/22/2257, which has been approved by Horsham district council planning for a 3G football pitch, gets underway.

Parking space provision:

From the plan submitted you will see that all spaces within this request are marked out and we already have dedicated spaces for disabled users. (copy attached) We note the recommendation on electric vehicle charging points but we maintain that we are not creating new spaces or open to general public use. This could be considered at a later date if a user requests it.

Car Parking Management Plan:

We have attached single page car parking plan for the football ground. The encouragement of car sharing would come from the limited number of spaces available to the local companies that might use this facility. We would not be able to dictate a companies travel policy. Discussions with the users could take place.

Increase footfall:

Most of the current users use the alleyway which is part of the 'E' class road linking the City Business Centre and we have had comments from residents in Gorings Mead that they provide a certain amount of extra security through their eyes and ears during the daytime.

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Summary

In our trip impact we highlighted that there would be no extra volume of traffic on the A281 due to current work journeys already being carried out by employees.

No increased footfall as car park is already in use.

In Our current community use,

Blood Donning sessions have up to 160 cars visit the site.

Local and national polling station is on site with 300 – 400 vehicles a day.

Match days up to 130 cars (including the overflow) in a 2 hour session.

None of these uses have caused delays or problems to our neighbor's and have easily joined the traffic flow on the A281 during busy periods.

Regard

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