

## WEST SUSSEX COUNTY COUNCIL CONSULTATION

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| <b>TO:</b>                                      | Horsham District Council<br>FAO:                                                                   |
| <b>FROM:</b>                                    | WSCC Highways - Public Rights of Way                                                               |
| <b>DATE:</b>                                    | 17 July 2026                                                                                       |
| <b>LOCATION:</b>                                | Millfields Farm<br>Horsham Road<br>Rusper<br>West Sussex                                           |
| <b>SUBJECT:</b>                                 | S106/26/0009<br>Application to discharge schedules 5 and 8 of the<br>S106 Agreement for DC/24/0699 |
| <b>DATE OF SITE VISIT:</b>                      | 17/04/26                                                                                           |
| <b>RELEVANT PUBLIC RIGHTS OF WAY NUMBER(S):</b> | Footpath 1502                                                                                      |
| <b>RECOMMENDATION:</b>                          | Objection                                                                                          |
| <b>S106 CONTRIBUTION TOTAL:</b>                 | 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.

I understand this application to be for the discharge of Schedules 5 and 8 of the Section 106 Agreement associated with planning permission DC/24/0699.

Having reviewed the latest construction documentation available online, it appears that the developer is proposing to resurface the route using Geoweb. Given that this is a rural footpath and taking into account the long-term maintenance requirements of the route, Public Rights of Way objects to this surfacing solution.

At the developer's request, Public Rights of Way arranged for an arboricultural assessment of the site to determine whether the proposed Public Rights of Way Rural Standard Surface would be suitable. The assessment concluded that the site was suitable, and this response was provided to Horsham District Council on 17 April 2026. The assessment also confirmed that timber edging would not necessarily be required for the installation of the proposed surface treatment.

As set out in my previous response dated 1 April 2026, Public Rights of Way requires the developer to resurface the footpath in accordance with West Sussex County Council's Footpath Surface Specification, as referenced here. A copy of the full specification can be obtained by emailing [pro@westsussex.gov.uk](mailto:pro@westsussex.gov.uk).



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