

WEST SUSSEX COUNTY COUNCIL CONSULTATION

TO:	Horsham District Council FAO: Jacques Burrowes
FROM:	Highways, WSCC
DATE:	16/04/2025
LOCATION:	Hop Oast Park and Ride, Worthing Road, Horsham
SUBJECT:	DC/25/0430 Change of Use of an area of Hop Oast Park and Ride to storage for clean waste bins to serve food waste services at the Hop Oast Depot.
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 of an area of the Hop Oast Park and Ride Car Park to storage for clean waste bins to serve food waste services. This application is supported by a Transport Statement prepared by i-Transport.

Access

The wider Hop Oast Park and Ride site is served by an existing signalised junction on Worthing Road, and no alterations are proposed to this existing access arrangement. Swept path drawings included within the submitted Transport Statement demonstrate that the largest vehicle anticipated can access and egress the site compound to the satisfaction of the LHA.

In addition, the applicant expects a trip generation of 1-2 movements per day for large vehicles, which is a negligible increase and is anticipated to adversely impact the operation of the local highway network.

Parking

The existing car park currently hosts approximately 270 car parking spaces, as outlined in the Transport Statement. The proposals will reduce the available car parking provision by approximately 25, to around 245 car parking spaces.

The Transport Statement includes a parking capacity survey, with surveys taking place on a typical weekday and a match day Saturday. The findings were as follows:

Weekday

- Peak occupation: 142 vehicles
- Average occupation: 77 vehicles

Matchday

- Peak occupation: 274 vehicles
- Average occupation: 80 vehicles

The data therefore shows that the car park has capacity to support a reduction in parking on a typical weekday, but may fill to capacity on a matchday, meaning those ~25 car parking spaces lost would have to park elsewhere or travel to the site via other means.

For the means of assessing the potential impact, the site does have good public transport connections from Horsham Town Centre and Southwater, and there are alternative options in place for visitors to access the site without needing to rely on the private car. Such provisions are already existing on high-attendance match days, and the impacts from loss of existing parking are anticipated to be minimal. Therefore, the LHA would not raise any safety concerns to the loss of existing parking.

Conclusion

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

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