WEST SUSSEX COUNTY COUNCIL CONSULTATION

TO:	Horsham District Council FAO: Hannah Darley
FROM:	WSCC - Highways Authority
DATE:	13 March 2024
LOCATION:	Swallowfield, Brighton Road, Mannings Heath, RH13 6HY
SUBJECT:	DC/24/0213 Construction of an agricultural track around the perimeter of field and woodland.
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 is for the construction of an agricultural track around the perimeter of field and woodland. The site is located off Brighton Road, an A-classified road subject to a speed restriction of 40 mph in this location.

WSCC in its role as Local Highway Authority (LHA) previously provided consultation advice for this site for similar application DC/23/0447, raising no highway safety concerns. This application was permitted by the Local Planning Authority (LPA).

The Application Form states that the works commenced on 19/02/2023. The proposed internal track will be used for vehicle access to forest, ponds and fence lines for maintenance purposes. The proposed track, including the siting of the proposed earth bunds, are all located within private land, and not anticipated to impact upon the maintained highway network.

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

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