**WEST SUSSEX COUNTY COUNCIL CONSULTATION**

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| **TO:** | Horsham District Council - FAO: Jacques Burrowes |
| **FROM:** | WSCC – Highways Authority |
| **DATE:** | 15 December 2025 |
| **LOCATION:** | Four Seasons Fuel Coneyhurst Road Coneyhurst Billingshurst RH14 9DG |
| **SUBJECT:** | DC/25/0265<br>Installation of two x 14.5 tonne vessels with a capacity of 33 metres cubed to store liquefied petroleum gas (LPG) at site. (Retrospective). |
| **RECOMMENDATION:** | Advice / No Objection |

West Sussex County Council, in its capacity as Local Highway Authority (LHA), have been consulted on proposals for storage vessels (78sqm) for LPG at site. Application is retrospective and use occurred since Sep 2020.

There has been various planning history at the site which has included improving the access arrangement from Coneyhurst Road (A272) originally under ref. DC/17/0596. Under DC/21/0294 (warehouse) the applicant was advised to apply for s278 application for widening works that had been undertaken to the access, within the public highway. I have checked with the Highways Agreements team and to date no s278 application has been received for the widening works that have been undertaken within the highway. The LHA acknowledge that this current application does not relate to the access but we still advise the Local Planning Authority (LPA) to inform the applicant that technical approval is required via an agreement with Highways Agreement team for works that have been undertaken within the highway, as per the attached informative.

The internal layout plan shows sufficient manoeuvring space within the site for anticipated vehicles with the siting of the LPG tanks in place.

The applicant states vehicle movements will increase: *An average of 4 road tankers bringing into site no more 21te of LPG a week during peak winter periods. 1 x empty cylinder vehicle carrying various sized cylinder once a week. There will be up to 4 tanker loads operating per week that can hold up to 8te of LPG each. 6 x small cylinder vehicles carrying various sized cylinder per week. This could be up to 6 times a week each.*

Considering the existing established use on site these additional vehicle movements are not anticipated to result in a 'severe' impact to the operational capacity of the nearby road network.

INFORMATIVE
The applicant is required to obtain all appropriate consents from West Sussex County Council, as Highway Authority, to cover the off-site highway works that have been undertaken at the access with Coneyhurst Road. The applicant is requested to contact The Highways Agreement Team Leader (01243 642105) to commence this process. The applicant is advised that it is an offence to undertake any works within the highway prior to the agreement being in place.

**Katie Kurek**
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