WEST SUSSEX COUNTY COUNCIL CONSULTATION

TO:	Horsham District Council FAO: Halima Chowdhury
FROM:	Highways, WSCC
DATE:	14/10/2025
LOCATION:	Black Jug, 31 North Street, Horsham, RH12 1RJ
SUBJECT:	DC/25/1091 Extension of external areas and associated works.
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 extension of external areas and associated works. The site is located on Park Street, a B-classified road subject to a speed restriction of 30 mph.

No alterations are proposed to the existing vehicular access arrangement. The proposals do represent an increase in available outdoor seating, which could see an increase in material movements to or from the site. However, considering the site location within Horsham Town Centre that is well accessible on foot, by cycle and by public transport, the LHA does not anticipate that the proposals would adversely impact upon the operation of the local highway network.

The existing staff car parking area will be reduced in size, retaining 4-5 car parking spaces. I do note that the reduced space may restrict the ability to turn on-site, especially if the car park is busy. As such, vehicles may have to reverse out of the site if this is the case. The existing access point on Park Street does benefit from good visibility in both directions, so no highway safety concerns would be raised in regards to this aspect.

Tables and chairs are proposed along the southern frontage along Park Street. The applicant is advised that they will need to obtain a pavement licence from Horsham District Council for the placement of tables and chairs on the pavement, and the furniture will need to be removable.

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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