West Sussex County Council - Planning Consultation Response

To: Horsham District Council
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From: WSCC - Highways Authority

Date: 20 November 2026

LPA Reference: DC/26/1653
Location: Bridge Farm
Coolham Road
Horsham
RH13 8GP
Proposal: Erection of 2 bay extension to existing loading bay building.
Date of Site Visit: N/A
Recommendation: Advice

I refer to your consultation in respect of the above planning application and would provide the following comments.

West Sussex County Council was consulted previously on Highway Matters for this location under various planning applications, but most recently application no DC/24/1661 for allowing day drivers to arrive on site from 6am and for 3 HGVs to return to site from 5am, to which no objections were raised from a Highway perspective.

This proposal seeks to create a 2bay extension to the existing loading bay building.
The site is accessed via Coolham Road, a C classified road subject to National Speed Limit restrictions. The Local Highway Authority (LHA) has reviewed data supplied to WSCC by Sussex Police over a period of the last five years. There have been no recorded collisions at the junction with the public highway, onto Coolham Road. There is no evidence to suggest that the junction is operating unsafely, or that the proposed would exacerbate an existing safety concern.

The proposals would not be anticipated to materially increase vehicle movements to or from the site. The area that the loading bay is proposed to be extended into is already used for loading and unloading purposes, the extension will however provide a covered location for this to be undertaken.

The planning statement outlines that no additional staff are to be employed nor would there be additional frequencies of lorry movements.

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 (in line with TR6 paragraph 4) and that there are no transport grounds to resist the proposal.

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