

WEST SUSSEX COUNTY COUNCIL CONSULTATION

TO:	Horsham District Council FAO: Hannah Darley
FROM:	Highways, WSCC
DATE:	28/08/2026
LOCATION:	Newbarn Farm, Capel Road, Rusper, RH12 4PZ
SUBJECT:	DC/26/1009 Removal of container office building and erection of a replacement office building.
DATE OF SITE VISIT:	N/A
RECOMMENDATION:	Advice

This application has been dealt with in accordance with the Development Control Scheme protocol for small scale proposals.

WSCC in its role as Local Highway Authority (LHA) has been consulted on highway matters by the Local Planning Authority (LPA) for the proposed removal of a container office building and erection of a replacement office building. The site is located on Capel Road, a C-classified road subject to a speed restriction of 40 mph.

The existing vehicle access point on Capel Road is to be utilised, with no alterations proposed to this existing arrangement. From inspection of WSCC mapping, there are no apparent visibility concerns with the existing vehicle access point. The proposed replacement office building will be larger in scale, so could see a material intensification of use. However, the LHA are satisfied that such movements can be accommodated into the local highway network without adverse impact.

Six off-street car parking spaces are proposed to serve this development, and this would be considered sufficient for a development of this use and scale. On-site turning appears achievable within the site, allowing vehicles to exit in a forward gear. The LPA may wish to secure cycle parking provision if they deem it appropriate to do so for this site location.

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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