

## WEST SUSSEX COUNTY COUNCIL CONSULTATION

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| <b>TO:</b>                 | Horsham District Council<br>FAO: Bethan Tinning                                       |
| <b>FROM:</b>               | WSCC – Highways Authority                                                             |
| <b>DATE:</b>               | 27 August 2026                                                                        |
| <b>LOCATION:</b>           | Land to the Southwest of Blindmans Wood,<br>Woodland Lane, Colgate, RH13 6HU          |
| <b>SUBJECT:</b>            | DC/26/0968<br>Change of use from agricultural to dog walking<br>area (Retrospective). |
| <b>DATE OF SITE VISIT:</b> | n/a                                                                                   |
| <b>RECOMMENDATION:</b>     | Advice                                                                                |

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

This application is for the change of use from agricultural to dog walking area. The application is retrospective with work started in January 2022. The site is located off Woodland Lane, a private road, consequently these comments are for your advice only. Woodland Lane adjoins the public highway at Grouse Road a C-classified road subject to national speed limit in this location.

There are no alterations proposed to the existing access arrangement. An inspection of collision data provided to WSCC by Sussex Police from a period of the last five years reveals no recorded collisions within the vicinity of the site access. Therefore, there is no evidence to suggest the existing access has been operating unsafely, or that the proposals would exacerbate an existing safety concern.

The proposed dog walking field will operate on Monday-Friday between 10:30-13:30 and staff will transport dogs to and from the site. Considering the scale of what is proposed, the LHA does not anticipate that the proposals would give rise to a significant material intensification of use.

Two car parking spaces are provided for the site which would be considered sufficient for the proposed use. Additionally, on-site turning appears achievable within the site.

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.

**Liz Corcoran**  
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