WEST SUSSEX COUNTY COUNCIL CONSULTATION

TO:	Horsham District Council FAO: Bethan Tinning
FROM:	Highways, WSCC
DATE:	30/07/2025
LOCATION:	King George V Recreation Ground, Shermanbury Road, Partridge Green
SUBJECT:	DC/25/0721 Creation of a new multi-use games area.
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 creation of a new multi-use games area (MUGA), with its primary function providing a five-a-side football pitch. The site is located within the King George V Recreation Ground on Shermanbury Road, a B-classified road subject to a speed restriction of 30 mph in this location.

No alterations are proposed to the existing vehicular access arrangement, whilst pedestrian access will utilise existing and proposed paths within the recreation grounds. There is an existing car park which will be retained, and no additional car parking provision will be provided as part of these proposals.

The LHA are minded to accept the point made in the submitted Design & Access Statement, whereby the proposals for a five-a-side football pitch represent an enhancement to what already exists on-site, given the nature of a recreational ground already providing space for such activities. As such, the LHA does not anticipate that the proposals would give rise to a significant material intensification of movements over what the site currently generates as existing.

In addition to the above, the LHA would consider this site a sustainable location within the village, that is well accessible on foot or by bicycle. Nearby bus stops on Shermanbury Road served by the 17 route provide an alternative sustainable option for travel to 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.

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