

## WEST SUSSEX COUNTY COUNCIL CONSULTATION

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| <b>TO:</b>                 | Horsham District Council<br>FAO: Jacques Burrowes                                           |
| <b>FROM:</b>               | WSCC – Highways Authority                                                                   |
| <b>DATE:</b>               | 11 June 2026                                                                                |
| <b>LOCATION:</b>           | 1 Woodcot, New Road, Billingshurst, RH14 9DS                                                |
| <b>SUBJECT:</b>            | DC/26/0784<br>Change of use from dwellinghouse (Class C3) to veterinary practice (Class E). |
| <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 seeks the change of use from dwellinghouse (Class C3) to veterinary practice (Class E). The site is located on New Road, an A-classified road subject to national speed limit. The LHA previously provided consultation advice for this site for application DC/23/0564, raising no highway safety concerns.

There are no proposed changes to the existing access arrangements. An inspection of data supplied to WSCC by Sussex Police over a period the past five years reveals that have been no recorded collisions within the vicinity of the site. Therefore, there is no evidence to suggest that the existing access is operating unsafely or that the proposal would exacerbate an existing safety concern.

The submitted Planning Statement details that the hours of operation will be 08:00 to 18:00, Monday to Friday only. The only visitors to the site will be staff, up to a maximum of five staff members. From inspection of the plans, the site exhibits sufficient space to accommodate the necessary staff parking and to allow onsite turning.

The LHA does not anticipate that the proposed change of use would result in a significant material intensification of movements to or from the site. There may be a slight increase in movements, however, these are likely to be outside of network peak times and are not anticipated to result in an adverse impact on highway safety.

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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