West Sussex County Council - Planning Consultation Response

To: Horsham District Council

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From: WSCC - Highways Authority

LPA Reference: DC/26/1318

Location: Land North of Shermanbury Road

Partridge Green

West Sussex

RH13 8EU

Proposal: Outline Application for the demolition of existing buildings and structures and the erection of up to 75 dwellings with public open space and vehicular access point from Shermanbury Road with all matters reserved except access.

More information received.

Recommendation: Advice

WSCC Highways have provided extensive comments (dated 6th of October 2026) on this proposal. As part of those comments, it was identified that part 3 of the Transport Assessment was missing. This has now been provided. This response is intended to supplement that previously provided.

Part 3 of the TA is noted as including the Stage One Road Safety Audit, Travel Plan and various modelling outputs. The Travel Plan was submitted separately, and comments have already been made on this. The modelling outputs are also noted although WSCC are not overly concerned with the additional vehicle movements resulting from this proposal upon the operation of the local highway network.

With the Stage One RSA, this raises a number of problems concerning the access. Again, similar to issues already identified by WSCC concerning the design speed applied (namely the assumption that vehicles will be travelling at the proposed 30mph speed limit rather than applying the recorded 85th percentile speeds as is more standard and as would be required by WSCC) to the access design and associated visibility splays, have been raised in the Stage One RSA. As such, given the similar issues already raised by WSCC, it would be unnecessary to comment further in detail on the Stage One RSA at this stage.

As a final comment on the Stage One RSA, the various responses from the Designer are noted. WSCC would highlight that the additional information indicated against problems 1, 2 and 3 does not appear to have been included in the submitted planning application.

The Applicant should note that as per the requirements of GG 119 (the overarching standard for Road Safety Audits), the RSA Response form should mirror that within the standard. An editable version of the RSA Response form should also be provided to allow WSCC to include comments in its role as Overseeing Organisation as well as for Agreed Actions to be included. It's suggested that the RSA Response is agreed directly between the Designer and WSCC albeit there are issues concerning the access design to resolve first.

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