West Sussex County Council - Planning Consultation Response

To: Horsham District Council
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From: WSCC - Highways Authority

Date: 29 October 2026

LPA Reference: DC/26/1529

Location: Kinsbrook Barn
West Chiltington Road
Pulborough
West Sussex
RH20 2RZ
Proposal: Retention of existing mobile home (Retrospective).

Date of Site Visit: N/A
Recommendation: Advice

I refer to your consultation in respect of the above planning application and would provide the following comments.

This application seeks the retention of an existing mobile home at Kinsbrook Barn, West Chiltington Road.

Access to the publicly maintained highway is to the north east of the site with the junction to West Chiltington Road, a C classified road subject to national speed restrictions. From observation of data provided to WSCC by Sussex Police, there has been a single highways collision within proximity of the access, this has however not been attributed to any defect with the highway or concern with the operation of the access.
The proposals are retrospective and have been in place for some time. The application form puts the original placement of the mobile home at 01/07/2021. There have been no known highway safety concerns with this practise.

No alterations are proposed to the existing vehicular access point on West Chiltington Road. The proposals are not anticipated to give rise to a material intensification of use of the existing access point. With applications such as this, the provision of workers' accommodation can be seen as a benefit in highways terms, as it limits the number of vehicular movements associated with commuting to the site.

From inspection of the plans, the site exhibits ample space for parking and turning arrangements. No details of cycle parking provision have been provided, although the LHA recognise the semi-rural site location whereby cycling may not be viable for some. The LPA may wish to secure cycle parking alongside any approval of this proposal, if they deem it appropriate in this location.

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 (in line with TR6 paragraph 4) and that there are no transport grounds to resist the proposal.

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