WEST SUSSEX COUNTY COUNCIL CONSULTATION

TO:	Horsham District Council FAO: Hannah Darley
FROM:	Highways, WSCC
DATE:	18/12/2025
LOCATION:	Rusty Barn Farm, Bramble Lane, Thakeham, RH20 3DZ
SUBJECT:	DC/25/1970 Change of use to allow the siting of a travelling showman's caravan (Retrospective).
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 change of use to allow the siting of a travelling showman's caravan. The proposals are retrospective, with the Application Form stating the proposed works were completed on 01/02/2017.

The site is located off Coolham Road, a B-classified road subject to national speed limit, served by an existing established vehicle access point. 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 during this time.

From inspection of WSCC mapping, the site exhibits suitable space to serve the anticipated parking needs of the site, with sufficient space for on-site turning to be achievable.

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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