

WEST SUSSEX COUNTY COUNCIL CONSULTATION

TO:	Horsham District Council FAO: Nicola Pettifer
FROM:	WSCC – Highways Authority
DATE:	11 July 2024
LOCATION:	Land To The West of Ashington C of E School Park Lane Ashington West Sussex
SUBJECT:	DC/23/0406 Demolition of existing buildings and erection of 180 dwellings, all-weather sport pitch, sports pavilion and allotments; with associated access, landscaping, open space and infrastructure. (Amended description). Additional plans have been received for this proposal.
DATE OF SITE VISIT:	February 2024-Site Known to Officer
RECOMMENDATION:	Advice

Background

WSCC in its role of Local Highway Authority (LHA) has been consulted on the above proposals for highway safety, capacity and accessibility considerations at the above site. The site currently accommodates agricultural fields and woodland. The proposals seek planning permission for the construction of 180 dwellings on the site, along with a sports pavilion, a multi use game areas, an open space grass sports pitch and a public open space which includes allotments. The proposals include a mix of flats and houses, which will be both private and affordable. Access to the site will be achieved via an existing access road onto Church Close. Church Close has a speed limit of 30 mph in the vicinity of the access point.

The original proposals submitted in 2023 are supported by way of a Transport Assessment (TA) which has been submitted with the proposals. This includes a Stage 1 Road Safety Audit (RSA), Capacity Testing and a Travel Plan (TP). The latest application commented on here has a Transport Assessment Addendum (TAA).

Latest Comments

The LHA provided comments to the proposals in April and September 2023. The response from September 2023 offered no objections to the proposals following the addition of further information. The subject of this consultation results in the site layout being amended since preparing the submitted TA. This includes changes to the location of the sports pitches which are now proposed at the north-western extent of the site along with the sports pavilion and associated car parking. The TAA includes a revised turning head at the north western extent of the site. Within Appendix B of the TAA a swept path diagram has been provided which is accepted.

In addition to the above the LHA have had some dialogue with the Design Team since the previous two consultations in 2023. We did seek three other areas of information/clarity these were:

- Swept path diagram showing a car and refuse tender negotiating Church Lane
- The Design Team confirmed that the tactile paving crossing Church Close will be re-purposed as a result of the application.
- Tactile paving to be provided at the new access point connecting to the existing footway network.

The LHA would seek to clarify with the Design Team that these points are still being considered and can be added to the latest information submitted regarding highway matters.

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