

WEST SUSSEX COUNTY COUNCIL CONSULTATION

TO:	Horsham District Council FAO: Hannah Darley
FROM:	WSCC – Highways Authority
DATE:	5 February 2026
LOCATION:	Spring Acres West End Lane Henfield West Sussex
SUBJECT:	DC/26/0041 Permission in Principle for the erection of up to 9no. self-build dwellings.
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.

No technical information has been provided with the application, therefore these are comments are in relation to the principle of residential development in this location.

Whilst, the site location is not sustainable in transport terms ie very limited public transport options and no footways, this is to be expected in a rural location such as this. Residents will be dependent on the private car, however given the likely low traffic volumes walking and cycling into Henfield could be an option for some residents.

No access arrangements have been proposed. It is not assumed that the existing hardstanding will become the access to the site. The access will need to be designed in accordance with WSCC standards and allow for visibility along West End Lane in accordance with existing 85%ile speeds. Turning in and out of the site will need to be fully considered given that West End Lane is relatively narrow. Vehicle tracking plots should show this on the design drawings and land within the site may be required to ensure safe egress/ingress.

Consideration for pedestrians and cyclist should be included within the design of the vehicular access along with possible connections to the local Public Right of Way network.

No highway objection on traffic generation or sustainability terms given the level of existing development in the area and proximity to Henfield.

No comments can be given at this point on highway safety elements of site access at this point.

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