

WEST SUSSEX COUNTY COUNCIL CONSULTATION

TO:	Horsham District Council FAO: Nicola Pettifer
FROM:	WSSC – Highways Authority
DATE:	26 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 plans) Additional plans have been received for this proposal.
DATE OF SITE VISIT:	February 2024-site known to officer
RECOMMENDATION:	Advice

Background

WSSC 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 is a further response our comments from the 11th July 2024 where asked for some additional clarity on 3 points.

Comments

The applicant has provided additional plans to address the points raised by the LHA, these are as follows:

- Swept path diagram showing a car and refuse tender negotiating Church Lane-**The LHA has assessed drawing 2109010-TK08 which demonstrates a refuse tender entering and exiting the site. Given the likely frequency of refuse visits (1/2 tenders per week on average) The LHA would be satisfied that this solution is workable.**

- The Design Team confirmed that the tactile paving crossing Church Close will be re-purposed as a result of the application-***This has been provided on drawing 2109010-06 and can be completed as part of the Section 278 Works***
- Tactile paving to be provided at the new access point connecting to the existing footway network-***This has been provided on drawing 2109010-06 and can be completed as part of the Section 278 Works***

Conclusion

The LHA's comments remain as advised on the 11th July 2024, the additional drawings have been assessed and we are satisfied with the content provided.

Jamie Brown
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