WEST SUSSEX COUNTY COUNCIL CONSULTATION

TO:	Horsham District Council FAO: Shazia Penne
FROM:	WSCC – Highways Authority
DATE:	20 February 2025
LOCATION:	Land West Of Trickles Wood Hole Street Ashington West Sussex RH20 3DE
SUBJECT:	DC/25/0063 Creation of agricultural access track.
DATE OF SITE VISIT:	n/a
RECOMMENDATION:	No Objection

West Sussex County Council (WSCC), in its capacity as Local Highway Authority (LHA), have been consulted on the above full planning application (DC/25/0063) to assess highway safety and capacity implications of the proposed development. The application is supported by way of Planning Statement and associated plans. The site was previously subject to prior approval application DC/24/0921 for the creation of agricultural access track which was refused due to being within 25m of the road.

This application also seeks creation of an agricultural access track. The site is located off Hole Street, which is located to the southeast of Ashington village, within a mile north of Cowfold village. Hole Street is a 'C' classified road subject to 40 miles per hour speed limit. From inspection of plans, visibility splays along both sides are good given the linear alignment of Hole Street near to the site access.

An inspection of collision data provided to WSCC by Sussex Police for a period of the last five years reveals no recorded injury accidents immediately within the vicinity of the site. Therefore, there is no evidence to suggest the existing access arrangement has been operating unsafely, or that the proposals would exacerbate an existing safety concern.

From inspection of the plans, the stable yard exhibits suitable space for equestrian vehicles to park and turn on-site. Public Right of Way (PRoW) ASH/3503/1 passes through the site adjacent to the proposed agricultural track; hence, PRoW team have been consulted on the proposal. If PRoW would like to make any comments on the proposal, then that would be submitted separately to the Planning Authority.

In summary, the Local Highway Authority (LHA) do 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 (NPPF), paragraphs 114 -117, as revised December 2023. Therefore, there are no transport grounds to resist this proposal.

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