WEST SUSSEX COUNTY COUNCIL CONSULTATION

TO:	Horsham District Council FAO: Meg Bayliss
FROM:	WSCC – Highways Authority
DATE:	22 July 2024
LOCATION:	Barford House, Thakeham Road, Pulborough, RH20 3NQ
SUBJECT:	DC/24/1026 Installation of entrance gates and piers.
DATE OF SITE VISIT:	n/a
RECOMMENDATION:	Advice

This application has been dealt with in accordance with the Development Control Scheme protocol for small scale proposals.

This proposal is for the installation of entrance gates and piers. The site is located on Thakeham Road, a B-classified road subject to a speed restriction of 30 mph.

New entrance gates and piers are proposed to serve the existing vehicular access. From inspection of the plans and WSCC mapping, the proposed entrance gates and piers do not appear to detrimentally impact visibility in this location.

Typically for access gates the LHA would request that gates be set back at least 5m from the carriageway edge, to allow for cars to pull in and wait whilst the gates are in operation. The footway width in this location would allow for a car to be partially removed from the carriageway. Nevertheless, any obstruction of the public highway whilst the gates are being operated would be considered to be temporary in nature and given the context of the road in this location, would not be anticipated to result in a highway safety concern.

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 115), and that there are no transport grounds to resist the proposal.

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