WEST SUSSEX COUNTY COUNCIL CONSULTATION

TO:	Horsham District Council FAO: Hannah Darley
FROM:	WSCC – Highways Authority
DATE:	3 November 2024
LOCATION:	Brookhill Cottage Horsham Road Cowfold West Sussex RH13 8AH
SUBJECT:	DC/22/2280 Construction of hardstanding and general maintenance of pond (Retrospective).
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/22/2280) to assess highway safety and capacity implications of the proposed development. The application is supported by way of Planning and Heritage Statement and associated plans.

The application land is situated at Brookhill Cottage. The application seeks permission to provide hardstanding alongside temporary walkways to maintain the pond retrospectively. The existing site access from A281 Brook Hill is retained as is. The speed along the site access junction leading to Cowfold village changes from 60 miles per hour to 30 miles per hour. WSCC maps have been checked for visibility splays which are good in both directions. Personal injury accident data for the past 5 years have been checked with only one incident reported at some distance north of the site access, caused due to the presence of an animal or object in carriageway.

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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