WEST SUSSEX COUNTY COUNCIL CONSULTATION

TO:	Horsham District Council FAO: Amanda Wilkes
FROM:	WSCC – Highways Authority
DATE:	21 October 2024
LOCATION:	Sumners Pond Fishery And Campsite Chapel Road Barns Green West Sussex RH13 0PR
SUBJECT:	DC/24/1042 Installation of 1x non-illuminated flag sign advertising new homes. More information received.
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.

I refer to your consultation in respect of the above planning application and would provide the following comments.

This proposal is for the erection of 3x non-illuminated flag sign advertising new homes. The site is located on Chapel Road, a D-classified road subject to a speed restriction of 30 mph in this location.

The proposed flag signs do not encroach onto publicly maintained highway. In addition, they are not anticipated to obstruct visibility for vehicles accessing the new development, nor those travelling along Chapel Road.

An inspection of collision data provided to WSCC by Sussex Police from a period of the last five years reveals no recorded injury accidents attributed to road layout within the vicinity of the site. Therefore, there is no evidence to suggest the nearby road network has been operating unsafely or that the proposal would exacerbate an existing safety concern.

The Planning Statement outlines that the flags will be sited for a temporary period of time- anticipated less than 24months- the flags are to be positioned along an area in which unallocated and visitor parking is proposed for the new development. Given the current stage of the development this would not be anticipated to cause an immediate safety concern, the applicant has outlined within email correspondence that upon completion of the dwellings and in order to construct the parking bays, the flags will be removed to ensure both that the spaces can be used as per the approved site plans and to ensure parking demand can be accommodated.
This email correspondence should be updated onto the planning portal.

The flags will be static and although visible from the Publicly Maintained highway, would not be anticipated to cause distraction to road users.

The Local Highway Authority does not consider that the 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.

Jodie Wilkes
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