WEST SUSSEX COUNTY COUNCIL CONSULTATION

TO:	Horsham District Council FAO: Jacques Burrowes
FROM:	WSCC Highways - Public Rights of Way
DATE:	6 June 2025
LOCATION:	Existing Telecommunications Site On Land To North of A2772 West Chiltington Lane (Renches Wood) Dragons Green West Sussex
SUBJECT:	DC/25/0919 Prior Approval for 10m extension of the existing tower from 17.6m AGL to 27.6m AGL. Removal of the existing 6No. antennas and replacement of 3No. Antennas. Relocation of the existing 3 no. Airwave antennas and existing 1 no. 0.3m dish to a higher level. Installation of 1 no. 0.6m dish, associated ancillary equipment and works thereto.
DATE OF SITE VISIT:	n/a
RELEVANT PUBLIC RIGHTS OF WAY NUMBER(S):	FP1958
RECOMMENDATION:	No Objection
S106 CONTRIBUTION TOTAL:	n/a

Thank you for the opportunity to comment on the above numbered planning application. This proposal has been considered by means of a desktop study, using the information and plans submitted with this application, in conjunction with other available WSCC map information. In respect to the above planning application I would provide the following comments.

Having consulted the online documents it seems that the construction works are not within the boundaries of the public footpath therefore we have no objection to the proposals but there are some points noted below for the applicant to consider carefully.

Firstly the access to the site is along an established access track that also carries public footpath 1958. As the applicant may or may not be aware public rights of access take precedent over private rights of vehicular access so this needs to be carefully considered when accessing the site. Signage on site to inform users of the additional traffic during the proposed works would be recommended and vehicular users have a duty of care toward the lawful public user, in this case pedestrians.

Further to this any damage done to the surface of the public footpath as part of the access arrangements is the responsibility of the applicant to make good to the same or better standard.

Finally, if it is a case that the applicant does not believe the path can be kept safely open during the works, and this can be sufficiently demonstrated, then they can apply for a temporary path closure and details of this can be found by following the link below.

https://www.westsussex.gov.uk/land-waste-and-housing/public-paths-and-the-countryside/public-rights-of-way/request-a-change-to-a-public-path/temporary-path-closures/

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