

## WEST SUSSEX COUNTY COUNCIL CONSULTATION

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| <b>TO:</b>                 | Horsham District Council<br>FAO: Shazia Penne                                                           |
| <b>FROM:</b>               | Highways, WSCC                                                                                          |
| <b>DATE:</b>               | 13/05/2026                                                                                              |
| <b>LOCATION:</b>           | Blackstone Gate Farm, Henfield Road, Albourne, BN6 9JJ                                                  |
| <b>SUBJECT:</b>            | DC/26/0581<br>Conversion and extension of existing stables to create business / office units (Class E). |
| <b>DATE OF SITE VISIT:</b> | N/A                                                                                                     |
| <b>RECOMMENDATION:</b>     | Advice                                                                                                  |

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

WSCC in its role as Local Highway Authority (LHA) has been consulted on highway matters by the Local Planning Authority (LPA) for the proposed conversion and extension of existing stables to create business/office units (Class E).

The site is located on Henfield Road, a B-classified road subject to national speed limit in this location. The site is served by an existing established access point on Henfield Road, and no alterations are proposed to this arrangement. From inspection of WSCC mapping, there are no apparent visibility concerns with the existing point of access on Henfield Road. In addition, the LHA are satisfied that the trips associated with office use can be accommodated into the local highway network without adverse safety impact.

Eight car parking spaces are proposed to serve this development, and this would be considered suitable provision for a development of this size under WSCC Parking Standards. On-site turning appears achievable, allowing cars to exit the site in a forward gear.

Whilst the rural site location is acknowledged, cycling can remain an option for confident cyclists, and provision for the covered parking of bicycles has been demonstrated in the plans.

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

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