

WEST SUSSEX COUNTY COUNCIL CONSULTATION

TO:	Horsham District Council FAO: Bethan Tinning
FROM:	Highways, WSCC
DATE:	03/07/2026
LOCATION:	Cattlestone Farm, Harbolets Road, West Chiltington, RH20 2LG
SUBJECT:	DC/26/0838 Change of use of land to a seasonal campsite, comprising 30 pitches and associated facility blocks and covered seating area (Retrospective).
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.

WSCC in its role as Local Highway Authority (LHA) has been consulted on highway matters by the Local Planning Authority (LPA) for the proposed change of use of land to a seasonal campsite, comprising 30 pitches and associated facility blocks and covered seating area. The proposals are retrospective, with the site operating as proposed since 2021.

The site is served by an existing vehicle access point on Harbolets Road, with a private access track linking the maintained highway to the application site. From inspection of local mapping, there are no apparent visibility concerns with the existing point of access on Harbolets Road.

The site has been in operation for a number of years now. I have reviewed five-year collision data provided to WSCC by Sussex Police, which revealed no recorded collisions within the vicinity of the site access. Therefore, there is no evidence to suggest the existing access has been operating unsafely during this time.

An informal car parking area is available for use on-site, and this appears sufficient to serve the needs of the site. On-site turning appears achievable, allowing vehicles to exit the site in a forward gear.

The rural site location does lend itself to a likely reliance on the private car for visitors arriving to the campsite. However, I do acknowledge that the site is well connected by the Public Right of Way network, which provides viable walking routes to the surrounding villages. Cycling remains a viable option for confident cyclists.

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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