

WEST SUSSEX COUNTY COUNCIL CONSULTATION

TO:	Arun District Council FAO: Hebe Smith
FROM:	WSCC – Highway Authority
DATE:	24 September 2026
LOCATION:	Land West Of Ryefield Farmhouse Oak Tree Lane Woodgate PO20 3GU
SUBJECT:	AL/63/26/DOC Approval of details reserved by condition under AL/31/22/PL relating to Condition 4 - External Materials & Finishes; Condition 8 - Hard & Soft Landscaping; Condition 9 - Construction and Biodiversity Management Plan and Condition 10 - Broadband Provision. PLANTING PLANS AND CEMP received.
DATE OF SITE VISIT:	n/a (desktop study undertaken for purposes of this DOC application)
RECOMMENDATION:	More Information required

This is the **second** WSCC Highways response to the above planning application seeking approval of details reserved by condition under AL/31/22/PL relating to Condition 4 - External Materials & Finishes; Condition 8 - Hard & Soft Landscaping; Condition 9 - Construction and Biodiversity Management Plan and Condition 10 - Broadband Provision.

As-pre previous WSCC Highways comments dated 20 August 2026, comments below again specifically respond only to highway-related components of Condition' 8 and 9 – Hard and soft landscaping and Construction and Biodiversity Management Plan, respectively.

Previous WSCC Highways response.

- 1. Condition 8 – Hard and soft landscaping.** Although the access and access 'road' that the site connects to is privately maintained, it is noted that the visibility splay for emerging vehicles passes behind two trees planned to be retained. It is recommended that the stems/trunks of both trees are regularly maintained by a management company to ensure that the site access visibility is not obstructed at any time.
- 2. Condition 9 – Construction and Biodiversity Management Plan.** Out of hours contact details should be included in any approved CEMP and additionally, made available to local residents and displayed on the site hoarding. With regard to turning of vehicles clear of the access 'road', the CEMP does not show how construction-related vehicles would be able to do this. Any final CEMP should show how all sizes of vehicles will be able to enter and exit the site (and turn within it) without having to reverse along Oak Tree Lane.

Latest WSCC Highways response.

(Comments in *red italic* text are latest WSCC Highways responses).

1. Condition 8 – Hard and soft landscaping. Although the access and access 'road' that the site connects to is privately maintained, it is noted that the visibility splay for emerging vehicles passes behind two trees planned to be retained. It is recommended that the stems/trunks of both trees are regularly maintained by a management company to ensure that the site access visibility is not obstructed at any time. *Paragraph 4.3.3 found on page 12 of the CBMP clarifies the point made about visibility and trees being kept clean stemmed etc.*
2. Condition 9 – Construction and Biodiversity Management Plan. Out of hours contact details should be included in any approved CEMP and additionally, made available to local residents and displayed on the site hoarding. *Now included on page 8 of the revised/updated CBMP.* With regard to turning of vehicles clear of the access 'road', the CEMP does not show how construction-related vehicles would be able to do this. Any final CEMP should show how all sizes of vehicles will be able to enter and exit the site (and turn within it) without having to reverse along Oak Tree Lane. *A plan is shown on page 5 of the revised/updated CBMP. However, this simply shows that a car/small van-sized vehicle could enter and leave the site in a forward gear and turn within it. No further analysis is provided for other vehicles expected to access the site during the construction phase. Paragraph 4.3.1 found on page 11 of the revised/updated CBMP makes reference to turning being available within the site for vehicles. However, the swept path analysis, recommended by the Highway Authority previously, is not shown for any vehicles larger than a car or small van. As such, the document should be further updated to include this.*

Conclusion.

Please re-consult when the additional information as recommended in point 2 above is available to view, at which point the Highway Authority will review the proposal further.

Response ends.

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Regards

Tim Townsend

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