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Thanks,

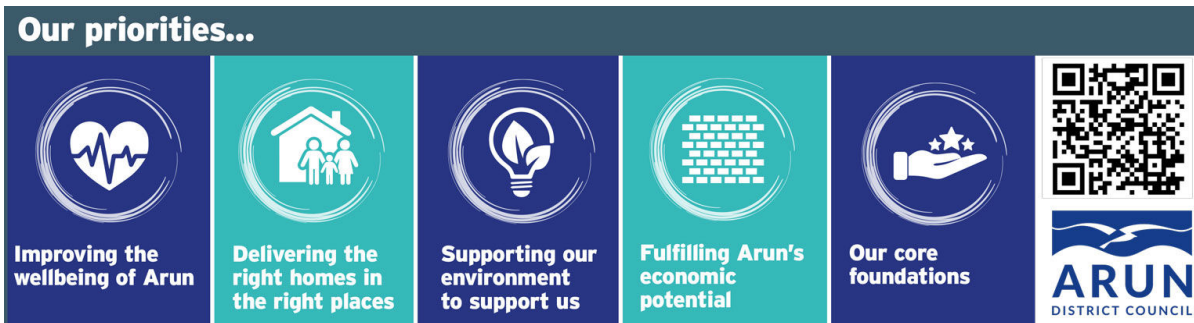
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Dear Hebe

Please can you formally add this reply from WSCC Highways, received today, to the other Representations I have already submitted regarding Planning Application FG/65/26/S73

Kind Regards

Denise Loydell (Mrs)

Dear Ms Loydell,

Thank you for your email and for setting out your concerns so clearly.

As part of the consultation process, the Local Highway Authority assesses development proposals against the requirements of the National Planning Policy Framework (August 2026). In particular, the relevant test is whether a proposal would result in a severe residual cumulative impact on the transport network, or an unacceptable impact on highway safety. On that basis, our assessment of this application remains focused on the highway safety and network impacts arising from the proposed development.

Having reviewed the points raised in your representation, I understand that the principal concern relates to alleged public highway rights over the area proposed for outdoor seating. Whilst I appreciate the importance of this issue, the existence or exercise of public highway rights, and any requirement for these rights to be removed or altered through a stopping-up process, falls outside the scope of the planning consultation assessment undertaken by the Local Highway Authority. Such matters are separate legal processes and are not material to our assessment of whether the proposal would have a severe impact on highway safety or the operation of the highway network.

I acknowledge that the site address referred to in the consultation response was incorrect and was the result of an administrative error. However, I can confirm that this error did not affect the assessment itself, which was undertaken in respect of the correct site and proposal.

In response to your request, I have discussed the matter with Kyran Schneider and a revised consultation response will be submitted to Arun District Council. This revised response will correct the site address, update the reference to the current National Planning Policy Framework (August 2026), and clarify that any requirement for a stopping-up order would be a separate matter outside the planning consultation process.

In relation to your specific questions:

1. Stopping-up order, highway licence or other authority

I am not aware of any stopping-up order, highway licence or other authorisation issued by WSCC as Highways Authority relating to the area in question.

2. Highways enforcement

Our Legal Services team has written to the occupier of 9 Ocean Parade explaining the County Council's position. We will continue to engage with the occupier regarding the potential highway obstruction. However, at this stage no formal enforcement action has been taken.

3. Site inspection

I do not consider that a site visit is necessary in this instance. The information available is sufficient to enable an assessment of the application, and I do not believe that a site inspection would materially alter the conclusions reached regarding highway safety or network impact.

I trust this clarifies the Highway Authority's position. The revised consultation response will be issued to Arun District Council in due course.

Kind regards

Gary Jannaway

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