

WEST SUSSEX COUNTY COUNCIL CONSULTATION

TO:	Arun District Council FAO: Anita Gardner
FROM:	WSCC - Highways Authority
DATE:	30 August 2019
LOCATION:	Wicks Farm, Ford Lane, Ford, Arundel, BN18 0DF
SUBJECT:	F/30/18/PL 2 multispans tunnels, 2 ancillary outbuildings, drainage pond, associated drainage works, external hardstanding for vehicle parking, access and turning. Additional highway report received.
DATE OF SITE VISIT:	28/01/2019
RECOMMENDATION:	More Information / Modification
S106 CONTRIBUTION TOTAL:	n/a

The LHA has been re-consulted on this proposal following submission of additional information requested by the LHA. This proposal is for 2 multispans tunnels, 2 ancillary outbuildings, drainage pond, associated drainage works, external hardstanding for vehicle parking, access and turning.

This response should be read in conjunction with the LHA's previous responses dated 1st February 2019 and 5th July 2019.

The LHA's response dated 5th July 2019 requested the following additional information from the applicant in order that the application could be adequately assessed:

- A clear plan demonstrating the current and proposed width of the access and internal access route through the site, including details of the formalisation of the access.
- Clarification of ownership of land either side of the existing access.
- Swept path tracking demonstrating the largest anticipated vehicle entering the site, travelling through the site, turning and exiting the site.
- A seven day speed survey should be undertaken to determine 85th percentile speeds in this location. Visibility splays should be provided in accordance with these speeds.
- Vertical visibility at a distance of 4.5m back into the access for the full length of achievable vehicular visibility splays.
- Details of the type and number of movements per day at the existing access for the existing use.
- Draft Travel Plan Statement – this can be secured via condition if the LPA were to approve the application

Swept path tracking has been provided demonstrating that HGVs can enter the site from both directions via the proposed widened access. Whilst it appears that HGVs can exit the site to the west, HGVs turning left out of the access are required to cross both the opposing carriageway and an access on the south of Ford Lane before returning to the correct side of the carriageway and proceeding east. This is not an acceptable arrangement and requires the use of land outside of the control of the applicant.

Removing the possibility of conflict with HGVs at the access may allow a vehicle exiting the site the possibility for an alternative road position to be taken up within the access route. This practise may facilitate an improved manoeuvre onto Ford Lane and may prevent vehicles overrunning the site access opposite.

The LHA note that the transport statement initially provided by the applicant, states that all HGVs will be routed east towards Ford Road, A27 and A259. Therefore this would be the manoeuvre that all HGVs exiting the site would be required to undertake. As such, whilst the access has been designed to accommodate two HGVs passing within the access, the LHA would request that the

applicant provide a detailed routing statement to ensure that two HGVs do not utilise the site access at the same time.

The revised statement should at least confirm that only one HGV will utilise the access at any one time, outline the proposed routing of vehicles entering and exiting the site, and confirm the frequency of HGV trips generated on a daily/weekly basis. The statement should also include details of when staff minibuses will be operational and details of how conflict will also be avoided with the HGV movements. Once this revised routing statement has been provided, the applicant should provide a revised swept path tracking plan for this manoeuvre to demonstrate any improvements.

The applicant may also wish to consider further access widening to facilitate an improved manoeuvre.

Please re-consult once the above additional information has been received.

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