

WEST SUSSEX COUNTY COUNCIL CONSULTATION

TO:	Arun District Council FAO: Harry Chalk
FROM:	WSCC – Highways Authority
DATE:	9 March 2026
LOCATION:	1-5 St. Martins Lane Littlehampton BN17 6BS
SUBJECT:	LU/24/26/PL Extension to the side of the building, external and internal alterations and the installation of solar panels on the roof (resubmission following LU/171/25/PL). This application is in CIL Zone 4 (Zero Rated) as other development.
DATE OF SITE VISIT:	n/a
RECOMMENDATION:	No Objection

WSCC, as the County Highway Authority, has reviewed the proposed application for a small extension to the recently approved Place of Worship under planning application LU/242/24. The extension will provide an additional 15 sqm, increasing the overall internal area from 218 sqm to 233 sqm, and will introduce staircases at either end of the building to facilitate upper-floor access, likely in accordance with fire safety requirements.

From a highway's perspective, the scale of the extension is not expected to materially alter the trip generation associated with the approved use. There will be a loss of 1 parking space for disabled use which will need to be relocated to the front of the building. However, the loss of 1 space can be accommodated in the car park.

For completeness, WSCC has considered the potential impact of increased attendance.

Information submitted for LU/242/24 indicated a typical capacity of 50 occupants, though it is acknowledged that up to 150 worshippers may attend Friday prayers. In a theoretical worst-case scenario—if all 150 attendees were to travel individually by car—this could create parking stress within St Martins car park, with potential overspill to other town-centre car parks or unrestricted streets.

The site is directly adjacent to St Martins car park, which provides 209 standard bays and 11 disabled bays. Additional publicly available parking is located nearby, including Anchor Springs car park (27 standard bays and 2 disabled bays). Disc parking offering 2-hours free stay is also available locally.

A more realistic scenario is informed by the Travel Plan survey, which indicates that 36% of worshippers travel by car. Applied to 150 attendees, this equates to approximately 54 vehicle trips, a level that can be safely accommodated within existing parking provision. WSCC has also reviewed local streets—including St Martins Road, St Martins Lane and Duke Street—all of which are subject to enforceable parking restrictions. These measures effectively discourage unsafe or indiscriminate parking in proximity to the site.

Given the potential for the building to be used for multiple community purposes, the Local Planning Authority may wish to consider a planning condition to limit the number of attendees at any one time.

Summary

WSCC raises no objection to the proposed extension. The anticipated trip impacts can be safely managed by existing town-centre parking capacity, and parking controls are already in place at safety-critical locations.

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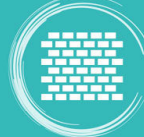
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Regards

Alison Meeus

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