

WEST SUSSEX COUNTY COUNCIL CONSULTATION

TO:	Arun District Council FAO:David Easton
FROM:	WSCC - Highways Authority
DATE:	11 January 2022
LOCATION:	Hook Lane Pagham Road PO21 3PD
SUBJECT:	P/177/21/DOC Approval of details reserved by condition imposed under P/30/19/OUT relating to conditions 9-Arboricultural Method Statement and Tree Protection Plan, 25-Travel Plan, 26-Energy efficiency & 32-Ecology Protection and Enhancement Plan.
DATE OF SITE VISIT:	n/a
RECOMMENDATION:	Advice
S106 CONTRIBUTION TOTAL:	n/a

Comments are made in respects of condition 25 (travel plan). The submitted travel plan is understood to cover only the residential uses approved within P/30/19.

The majority of the travel plan reproduces local travel information already included in the transport assessment or other matters agreed through the outline and subsequent reserved matters planning applications (e.g. offsite highway mitigation and car parking). These aspects are not revisited here.

With respects to travel plan specific items, a modal shift of 10% is proposed from single occupancy private car trips to other modes. This is indicated as a minimum of 10% and is proposed to the 12 hour (7am to 7pm) trip rate. Whilst the WSCC Highways recommendation is a target of 15%, given the edge of town location and with it recognised that this is a minimum travel plan target, 10% would be accepted in this instance.

Other than the measures secured as part of outline planning consent, the remainder of the measures in the travel plan primarily involve the distribution of information. It remains to be seen whether this will be sufficient to result in the minimum 10% trip reduction. In the event the measures currently promoted aren't adequate and the targets aren't being met, the applicant will need to revise the travel plan and potentially introduce further measures.

The only other matter relating to mitigation is the value of the travel vouchers. The £50 proposed is noted but it's questioned if this would allow for the purchase of anything meaningful that would influence travel behaviour. The WSCC recommendation is that vouchers of up to £150 are provided per household. These can still be for the uses as set out (i.e. for cycle equipment or bus tickets).

The applicant could otherwise negotiate alternate measures to encourage increased travel by sustainable measures. This could include a more longer term discount for bus travel (with there being a reasonably frequent service operating in the immediate vicinity) for residents for example. Such longer term measures may be more successful in encouraging a change in travel behaviour as opposed to a single voucher. This aspect should be further considered and the travel plan updated accordingly.

The travel plan doesn't appear to include any particular details in terms of remedial action should the travel plan targets not be met. There would need to be a clear section covering remedial action if targets are not met.

WSSC would also request a copy of the details in appendix C. These details for some reasonably are unintelligible, so would need to be re-provided for review.

It's recommended that the travel plan is updated. Condition 25 should not be discharged at the current time.

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