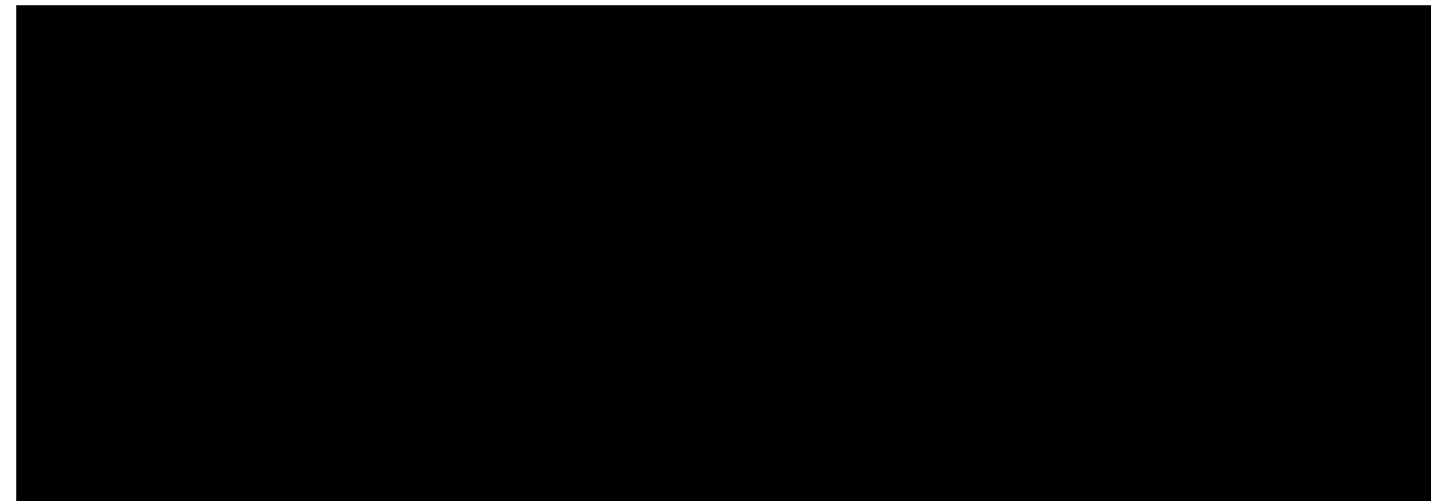
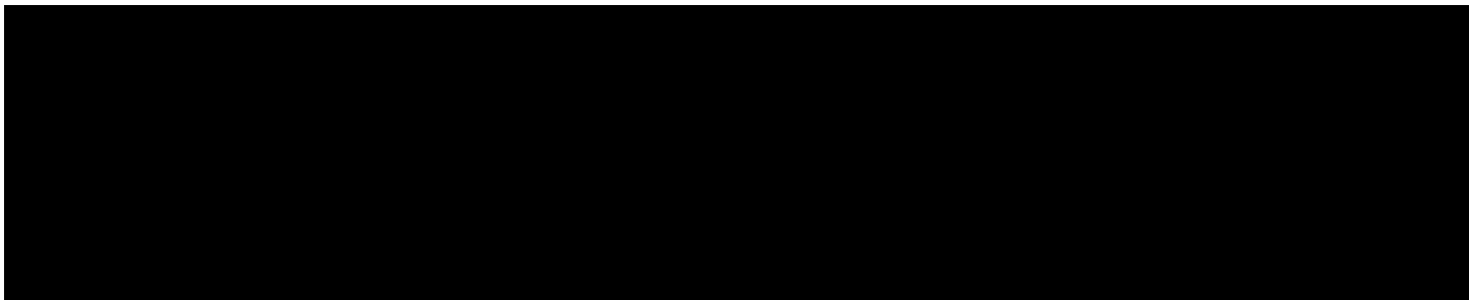




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Subject: Highways England response: Planning Consultation on WA/70/20/DOC, Land East of Tye Lane, Walberton

For the attention of: Michael Eastham

Planning Application No: WA/70/20/DOC

Site: Land East of Tye Lane, Walberton

Development: Approval of details reserved by condition imposed under ref WA/44/17/OUT relating to Condition No 6 - Construction Management Plan.

Highways England Ref: #11659

Dear Mr Eastham

Thank you for your consultation of 22 October 2020 regarding the application to approve Construction Management Plan details required by Condition 6 of planning permission WA/44/17/OUT. Highways England works to a 21 day target response date although we do try to respond earlier, and I am sorry that we were not able to meet your request for a response by 5 November.

Highways England has been appointed by the Secretary of State for Transport as strategic highway company under the provisions of the Infrastructure Act 2015 and is the highway authority, traffic authority and street authority for the Strategic Road Network (SRN). The SRN is a critical national asset and as such Highways England works to ensure that it operates and is managed in the public interest, both in respect of current activities and needs as well as in providing effective stewardship of its long-term operation and integrity. Highways England will be concerned with proposals that have the potential to impact on the safe and efficient operation of the SRN, in this case the A27.

I note that a Construction Management Plan was approved by Arun District Council in connection with Condition 6 in June 2019, although I cannot find a record of Highways England being consulted on the Construction Management Plan. This current application seeks approval for an alteration to the Construction Management Plan in order to change access arrangements for construction related traffic which would use the 'Emergency' site access on Tye Lane instead of the access at Yapton Lane.

With the proposed change to construction traffic routeing, all construction traffic to and from the A27 would use the A27 / Tye Lane junction instead of the A27 / Yapton Lane junction. The Tye Lane access onto the A27 is not suitable for heavy construction vehicles: there is no acceleration lane or merge taper and so heavy, slow accelerating construction related vehicles would be pulling out into a high speed road from a standing start. This is not acceptable because of the inherent safety risk of heavy, slow moving traffic entering the A27 carriageway and conflicting with high speed traffic on the main line. Therefore all heavy construction traffic accessing the A27 should use the Yapton Lane junction where there is an appropriate acceleration merge taper.

We therefore require assurance within the Construction Management Plan that heavy, construction related traffic from the site will not turn into the A27 at Tye Lane because of the inherent safety risk. We also wish to see details of how the developer will manage, monitor and enforce a restriction preventing heavy construction vehicles using the A27 / Tye Lane junction to enter the A27.

In view of our safety concerns, Highways England currently objects to the proposed alteration to the approved Construction Management Plan required by Condition 6 which would allow construction traffic to use the site access onto Tye Lane. Accordingly we request that your Council does not approve this application unless and until the Construction Management Plan has been amended to address our concerns.

If you have any queries regarding this response, please contact us at



Kind regards

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