

WEST SUSSEX COUNTY COUNCIL CONSULTATION

TO:	Mid Sussex District Council FAO: Anna Tidey
FROM:	WSCC – Highways Authority
DATE:	3 August 2026
LOCATION:	Mid Sussex Nhs Trust The Princess Royal Hospital Lewes Road Haywards Heath RH16 4EX
SUBJECT:	DM/26/1801 Construction of 3 single storey, temporary, modular buildings for medical use providing elective and surgery facilities, a staff welfare unit and new access ramp.
DATE OF SITE VISIT:	n/a
RECOMMENDATION:	No Objection

West Sussex County Council (WSCC), in its capacity as Local Highway Authority (LHA), have been consulted on the full planning application DM/26/1801 with regards to highway safety and capacity matters. The application is supported by a Transport Note (TN) and associated plans.

The application site is within the wider area of Princess Royal Hospital (PRH). The hospital provides a total of 699 car parking spaces. The application site itself is an area of car parking in the eastern section of the facility providing a total of 61 car parking spaces. The development proposals are for construction of 3 single storey, temporary, modular buildings for medical use providing elective and surgery facilities, a staff welfare unit and a new access ramp. These temporary buildings will result in loss of 45 car parking spaces and are to be in place for five years until the refurbishment works to the main trust building are completed.

The primary access into the site is from A272 Lewes Road. There are no changes proposed to the existing access arrangement. Swept path tracking diagrams for an articulated vehicle and cars are demonstrated within the Proposed Plans.

The site is in an accessible location with opportunities for walking and cycling. Bus stops are located within short walking distances, located along Lewes Road. These buses provide access to Haywards Heath Train Station, Cuckfield, Horsham, Lewes, Brighton, Crawley etc. Haywards Heath Train station is located within 2km distance providing wider transport connectivity to places such as London Victoria, Crawley, Eastbourne, Brighton, Hassocks, Burgess Hill Etc.

The temporary loss of 45 car parking spaces could be accommodated within other car parks in the wider hospital area. The proposal is not expected to result in any additional or new trips on the network, as the proposed trips are relocating trips from the main hospital that would otherwise already be taking place.

In summary, the Local Highway Authority (LHA) do not consider that this proposal would have an unacceptable impact on highway safety or result in 'severe' cumulative impacts on the operation of the highway network; therefore, is not contrary to the National Planning Policy Framework (NPPF), paragraphs 114 -117, as revised December 2024. Therefore, there are no transport grounds to resist this proposal.

If the Local Planning Authority (LPA) mind to approve the application, the following condition should be applied:

CONDITION

Construction Plant and Materials

No development shall be commenced until such time as plans and details have been submitted to and approved in writing by the Local Planning Authority showing the site set up during construction. This shall include details of all temporary contractor buildings, plant and stacks of materials, provision for the temporary parking of contractor vehicles and the loading and unloading of vehicles associated with the implementation of this development. Such provision once approved and implemented shall be retained throughout the period of construction.

Reason: To avoid undue congestion of the site and consequent obstruction to access.

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