

WEST SUSSEX COUNTY COUNCIL CONSULTATION

TO:	Mid Sussex District Council FAO: Katherine Williams
FROM:	Highways, WSCC
DATE:	22/12/2025
LOCATION:	The Havens Sportsfield Car Park, The Haven Centre, Hophurst Lane, Crawley Down
SUBJECT:	DM/25/3155 New/Replacement Village Hall.
DATE OF SITE VISIT:	N/A
RECOMMENDATION:	Advice
S106 CONTRIBUTION TOTAL:	N/A

This application has been dealt with in accordance with the Development Control Scheme protocol for small scale proposals.

This application seeks the erection of a replacement village hall. The site is located on Hophurst Lane, a C-classified road subject to a speed restriction of 30 mph.

For context, WSCC in its role as Local Highway Authority (LHA) was previously consulted regard highway matters for this site for application DM/22/2732 (*New/Replacement Village Hall (Resubmission of previously approved DM/19/2671)*), of which no highway safety or capacity concerns were raised. The Local Planning Authority (LPA) permitted the application.

From inspection of the plans, the proposals appear to be identical to those of the previously permitted application at this site. Details pertaining to access, parking and turning arrangements appear unchanged, and these were assessed and approved by the LHA as part of application DM/22/2732 and its preceding application DM/19/2671. As such, no highway safety or capacity concerns would be raised to the current submission.

In summary, the LHA does 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 (paragraph 116), and that there are no transport grounds to resist the proposal.

If the LPA are minded to approve the application, the following conditions should be applied:

Vehicle parking and turning

No part of the development shall be first occupied until the vehicle parking and turning spaces have been constructed in accordance with the approved plan. These spaces shall thereafter be retained for their designated use.

Reason: To provide adequate on-site car parking and turning space for the development.

Cycle parking

No part of the development shall be first occupied until covered and secure cycle parking spaces have been provided in accordance with the approved plan.

Reason: To provide alternative travel options to the use of the car in accordance with current sustainable transport policies.

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