

WEST SUSSEX COUNTY COUNCIL CONSULTATION

TO:	Mid Sussex District Council FAO: Andrew Watt
FROM:	WSCC – Highways Authority
DATE:	12 January 2026
LOCATION:	Hurstpierpoint College College Lane Hassocks BN6 9JS
SUBJECT:	DM/25/3199 Erection of a two-storey gym and dining building with associated kitchen, plant, and external works, within the existing educational use of the site.
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 this full application DM/25/3199 at the site of Hurstpierpoint College, College Lane, Hassocks BN6 9JS. The application is supported by a Transport Statement (TS), Construction Logistics Plan (CLP) and associated plans.

Site Context

The site is within the Hurstpierpoint college campus and was previously used as a swimming pool facility. The pool became redundant following completion of a replacement swimming pool under Phase 1 of the development and was subsequently demolished in August 2025 pursuant to a separate planning permission. The current application seeks Phase 2 development comprising the erection of a two-storey gym and dining building with associated kitchen, plant, and external works.

Access and Visibility

The site is primarily accessed from College Lane, a C-classified road subject to national speed limit in this location. The existing established access will be utilised with no alterations proposed to this arrangement. From inspection of WSCC mapping, the existing access benefits from suitable visibility in both directions. In addition, the proposals are not anticipated to give rise to a significant material intensification of use of the existing access.

An inspection of collision data provided to WSCC by Sussex Police from a period of the last five years reveals no recorded collisions attributed to the use of the existing access point within the vicinity of the site. Therefore, there is no evidence to suggest the existing access has been operating unsafely or that the proposals would exacerbate an existing safety concern.

Parking

The site benefits from an existing car park, which is considered of suitable size to serve the existing and proposed use. On-site turning appears achievable, allowing vehicles to exit in a forward gear.

Conclusion

In summary, the Highway Authority 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.

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