

WEST SUSSEX COUNTY COUNCIL CONSULTATION

TO:	Mid Sussex District Council FAO: Stuart Malcolm
FROM:	WSCC – Highways Authority
DATE:	7 April 2025
LOCATION:	West Hoathly Brickworks Hamsey Road Sharpthorne East Grinstead West Sussex RH19 4PB
SUBJECT:	DM/25/0832 Discharge of condition no. 8 relating to planning application DM/23/0827.
DATE OF SITE VISIT:	n/a
RECOMMENDATION:	Advice

Condition 3 covers the requirement for a Construction Environmental Management Plan (CEMP). WSCC Highways has reviewed and commented only on those aspects relevant to the operation of the local highway network.

In reviewing the submitted CEMP, WSCC acknowledge that vehicular access is limited to Station Road and Hamsey Road. These are predominantly residential roads that have historically provided access to the former brickworks. The CEMP (point 2.3.1) identifies the likely number of daily vehicle movements once construction has commenced. The number of daily HGVs is recognised. The Applicant may need to consider providing a means of scheduling deliveries to avoid opposing vehicle movements on the local highway network if this materialises as an issue. This may mean simply that exiting vehicles are held on site whilst those vehicles approaching on Hamsey Road enter.

The CEMP also makes reference to a 'site traffic management plan'. This is referred to as including details of materials storage, loading/unloading arrangements, and parking. Given the details that are within this and the requirements of the condition, it would seem appropriate for this to be provided. Wheel washing or other such means of keeping the highway clear of debris should also be committed to within the CEMP.

Although there are no legal weight or width restrictions upon the use of the roads in the local area, the Applicant should use all reasonable endeavours to encourage traffic to arrive and depart towards either the A22 to the east or the B2028 to the west. It's recognised that it is outside the control of the Applicant to dictate to 3rd party suppliers what roads they can and can't use to approach the site.

It's recommended that the CEMP is updated and additional information provided to address the above issues.

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