

WEST SUSSEX COUNTY COUNCIL CONSULTATION

TO:	Mid Sussex District Council FAO: Peter Davies
FROM:	Highways, WSCC
DATE:	07/05/2026
LOCATION:	Agricultural Storage Barn, Wick Farm House, Truslers Hill Lane, Albourne
SUBJECT:	DM/26/0890 Change of use of existing barn (former cow shed) to B8 storage use.
DATE OF SITE VISIT:	N/A
RECOMMENDATION:	Advice

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

Application Summary

WSCC in its role as Local Highway Authority (LHA) has been consulted on highway matters by the Local Planning Authority (LPA) for the proposed change of use of existing barn to B8 Storage. The site is located off Truslers Hill Lane, a C-classified road subject to national speed limit in this location. This application is supported by a Transport Statement prepared by GTA Civils & Transport.

Access

The applicant proposes to utilise the existing established access point on Truslers Hill Lane, with no alterations proposed to this arrangement. This access has been previously assessed and approved by the LHA, and it would still appear suitable to serve the proposed use.

An inspection of collision data provided to WSCC by Sussex Police from a period of the last five years reveals no recorded collisions 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.

Capacity

The Transport Statement includes trip generation data ascertained from the TRICS Database. The data suggests that the proposed use could generate 16 two-way daily movements, one of which would be in the morning peak and one in the afternoon peak. The LHA are satisfied that this can be accommodated into the local highway network without adverse impact.

Parking and Turning

11 car parking spaces will be provided, which would be in accordance with WSCC Parking Standards for a development of this use and scale. This also includes provision for the secure parking for up to one bicycle. On-site turning, including access and egress from Truslers Hill Lane, has been demonstrated to the satisfaction of the LHA.

Sustainability

The site is situated in a rural location that lacks access to nearby services and public transport connections. In addition, Truslers Hill Lane lacks street lighting and footways in this location. Therefore, the LHA anticipates that visitors and staff may have a reliance on

private vehicles when travelling to and from the site. Cycling is an option for confident cyclists.

Conclusion

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.

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