

WEST SUSSEX COUNTY COUNCIL CONSULTATION

TO:	Mid Sussex District Council FAO: Rachel Richardson
FROM:	WSSC – Highways Authority
DATE:	14 November 2025
LOCATION:	The Aspen Burrell Road Haywards Heath West Sussex RH16 1AR
SUBJECT:	DM/25/2435 Construction and operation of a micro energy storage facility and associated works.
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.

This application is for the construction and operation of a micro energy storage facility and associated works. The site is located on Burrell Road, an un-classified road subject to a speed limit of 30mph.

The proposed micro energy storage facility is intended to store and supply energy back to the National Grid. The site is situated within private land, and is not located within public highway. No vehicular access to the site is proposed, it is unclear whether operative access to the site will be from The Aspen or via the adjacent publicly maintained highway - Turners Mill Road or Harlands Road. Should the site be accessed via the public highway, parking associated with routine maintenance or operations would be required to be accommodated on-street. Whilst on-street car parking is limited in the immediate vicinity there are comprehensive parking restrictions prohibiting vehicles from parking in places that would be detrimental to highway safety. We would not consider that highway safety would be detrimentally affected through the proposed nil car parking provision. The Planning Authority may wish to consider the potential impacts of this development on on-street car parking from an amenity point of view.

The proposal is not anticipated to generate a material increase in vehicular movements and as such the LHA would not raise any highway safety or capacity concerns.

Conclusion

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:

Nicola Elliott
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