

WEST SUSSEX COUNTY COUNCIL CONSULTATION

TO:	Mid Sussex District Council FAO: Rachel Richardson
FROM:	WSCC – Highways Authority
DATE:	11 March 2025
LOCATION:	Homebase 219 - 225 London Road East Grinstead West Sussex RH19 1HA
SUBJECT:	DM/25/0158 Discharge of planning condition number 11 relating to planning application DM/24/0981
DATE OF SITE VISIT:	n/a (desktop study undertaken – site visited as part of DM/24/0981)
RECOMMENDATION:	Advice + recommended amendment

This is the WSCC Highways response to the above planning application seeking discharge of planning condition number 11 relating to planning application DM/24/0981 (submission and approval of a Service Management Plan).

Response.

Having reviewed the Service Management Plan Reference. B/LIDLEGrinstead3.1, produced by Mayer Brown Highways and Transport consultants, paragraphs 1.18-1.21 - Delivery Vehicle Routing - states that because of the location of the applicant's (Lidl) Northfleet Regional Distribution Centre (RDC), that delivery trips should travel to and from the site via the north-west using both the A22 and M25.

Paragraphs 1.22-1.24 - Access Manoeuvre Restrictions – describes the limitations of delivery vehicles entering and leaving via the south-east. Although it states that a vehicle turning right into the site would result in said vehicle having to use the whole width of the carriageway to undertake the manoeuvre, culminating in paragraph 1.24 saying that right-in manoeuvres would not be permitted for delivery vehicles, with all vehicles required to approach the site from the north-west, the 'track'/sweep of a vehicle turning left out would also encroach on part of the carriageway of London Road, notably the right-hand turning lane 'pocket' in the centre of the road.

Because of this, the Highway Authority recommends that the wording of paragraph 1.24 be extended to say that left-turning (out) manoeuvres by articulated delivery vehicles should also not be permitted either.

Response ends.

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