

WEST SUSSEX COUNTY COUNCIL CONSULTATION

TO:	Mid Sussex District Council FAO: Andrew Watt
FROM:	WSCC – Highways Authority
DATE:	27 December 2024
LOCATION:	Rose Cottage Day Nursery The Old Sawmills Copyhold Lane Haywards Heath RH16 1XT
SUBJECT:	DM/24/2733 Conversion of vacant adjoined barn into nursery space at ground floor level, alterations to ground floor layout and an increase of child numbers to 70 children.
DATE OF SITE VISIT:	n/a
RECOMMENDATION:	No Objection

I refer to your consultation in respect of the above planning application and would provide the following comments.

West Sussex County Council was consulted previously on Highway Matters for this location under planning applications no. DM/1720/14/COU to which no objections were raised by the Highway Authority.

This application is to increase nursery places from 52 to 70. No other highway related changes are proposed. A total of 21 car parking spaces are available for nursery use on site and there is not anticipated to be any increase in staff numbers.

The increase of 18 child spaces is unlikely to result in a significant impact on the local highway network and the access visibility was improved as part of the original application. Unlike Primary Schools, parents tend to arrive at Nurseries at staggered time intervals in relation to their work/personal commitments, therefore the increase in arrivals/departures are likely to be spread over a period of at least 1 hour in AM/PM peaks. The current parking level is acceptable and is capable of supporting the increase providing start finish times remain staggered.

No highway objection.

Debbie Farrell
West Sussex County Council – Planning Services