

WEST SUSSEX COUNTY COUNCIL CONSULTATION

TO:	Mid Sussex District Council FAO: Andrew Horrell
FROM:	WSCC – Highways Authority
DATE:	10 January 2025
LOCATION:	Holmsted Farm Staplefield Road Cuckfield Haywards Heath West Sussex RH17 5JT
SUBJECT:	DM/24/3063 Proposed erection of an Agricultural machinery store for the storage of the business machinery, on land in agricultural use, maximum height is 6.0m to the ridge and the eaves measure 5.3m.
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.

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

This application seeks the erection of an agricultural machinery store, for uses ancillary to the wider Agricultural uses on site, Machinery currently exists within the site but currently has no form of covered storage. The site is located on Staplefield Road, a B class road subject to national speed limit restrictions. The Local Highway Authority (LHA) has reviewed data supplied to WSCC by Sussex Police over a period of the last five years. There have been several recorded injury accidents at the junction of Holmsted Farm and Staplefield Road. However, from an inspection of the accident data it appears that this was not due to any defect with the junction or publicly maintained highway at this point.

The proposed barn will be used for the storage of existing on site machinery and therefore is not anticipated to give rise to a significant material intensification of movements to or from the site.

On-site access and parking arrangements will be retained, and are considered suitable for the proposed development.

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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