

WEST SUSSEX COUNTY COUNCIL CONSULTATION

TO:	Mid Sussex District Council FAO: Hamish Evans
FROM:	WSSC – Highways Authority
DATE:	15 April 2026
LOCATION:	5 Orchard Close Scaynes Hill Haywards Heath West Sussex RH17 7PQ
SUBJECT:	DM/26/0540 Change of Use from dwellinghouse (Use Class C3) to children's residential care home (Use Class C2) for up to (2/3) children. No external alterations proposed. (additional information received 30.03.2026 and 07.04.2026)
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.

The LHA has been re-consulted on this application following submission of additional information pertaining to proposed vehicles trips associated with the proposed use. The additional information confirms that six parking spaces are provided on the site frontage. On a daily basis it is anticipated that there would be up to 8 two-way movements per day associated with the arrival and departure of day and night staff – requiring up to four parking spaces during the shift changeover period. On weekdays, one extra parking space would be required during the day for the manager. As such, it is anticipated that a maximum of five parking spaces would be required at any one time for standard daily operations.

The additional information provided also sets out the anticipated frequency of additional professional and regulatory visits. Given the infrequent nature of these visits, it is likely that parking for these could be accommodated on site, within the existing on-street parking provision nearby, or in the public car park situated within less than 100m of the site.

There would likely be additional movements associated with the residential use of the site, such as school drop-offs/pick ups, appointments etc, however these are not considered to be in excess of those associated with a large residential household.

Whilst the proposed use would likely result in additional movements to or from the site over the existing residential use, the LHA would not consider this to result in a material intensification of use of the existing site access and would not raise a highway safety concern. Visibility at the existing access appears sufficient for the anticipated road speeds in this location.

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.

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