

WEST SUSSEX COUNTY COUNCIL CONSULTATION

TO:	Mid Sussex District Council FAO: Catherine Cardin
FROM:	WSCC – Highways Authority
DATE:	13 March 2025
LOCATION:	26 Gander Hill, Haywards Heath, RH16 1QX
SUBJECT:	DM/25/0375 Erection of a single storey timber yoga studio.
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 proposal is for the erection of a single storey timber yoga studio. The site is located on Gander Hill, an unclassified road subject to a speed restriction of 30 mph.

There are no proposed changes to the existing parking or access arrangements. An inspection of data supplied to WSCC by Sussex Police over a period the past five years reveals that have been no recorded injury accidents within the vicinity of the site. Therefore, there is no evidence to suggest that the existing access is operating unsafely or that the proposal would exacerbate an existing safety concern.

The Planning Statement states that there will be a maximum of 6-8 visitors at any one time from 1-3 hours at a time. Therefore, this proposal is not anticipated to result in a significant intensification of use of the existing access.

There is parking in the driveway for up to 3 cars, so any overspill parking would have to be accommodated on-street. The LHA does not anticipate that this would give rise to a highway safety concern or parking capacity issue, but the LPA may wish to consider the potential impacts on on-street parking from an amenity point of view.

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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