

WEST SUSSEX COUNTY COUNCIL CONSULTATION

TO:	Mid Sussex District Council FAO: Stefan Galyas
FROM:	WSCC – Highways Authority
DATE:	18 September 2025
LOCATION:	Tennis Courts At St Francis Sports and Social Club Colwell Road Haywards Heath West Sussex RH16 4EZ
SUBJECT:	DM/25/1185 Temporary (36 months) permission for change of use of existing tennis courts to padel courts and associated works (Acoustic report received 21.08.2025).
DATE OF SITE VISIT:	n/a
RECOMMENDATION:	Advice

WSCC as the County Highway Authority (CHA) has considered the proposal above for temporary permission to change the use of the existing tennis courts at the St Francis Sport and Social Club, Haywards Heath. Advice.

The proposal is to change the Tennis Courts to Padel Courts which will require some building and re-landscaping works. WSCC raise no objection to this proposal from a highway's point of view.

Access to the site is taken from the highway at Colwell Road, a 'c' classified road with a 30mph speed limit, into the private estate road of Southdown's Park. As such the applicant will need to use private roads to access the site and all WSCC comments are therefore advisory.

Construction vehicles used for the change of use will need to have a place they can load and unload materials, and as such we would suggest a condition which covers this to ensure all construction traffic can enter, turn and exit the site in forward gear, and that there are compounds provided to keep routes free from obstruction.

The level of traffic requiring access to the site has not been provided therefore we would recommend a condition to ensure this information is provided prior to approval. However, the works are unlikely to be extensive and once created the site will operate as before with car parking available outside the courts.

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West Sussex County Council – Planning Services

Construction plant and materials

No development shall be commenced until such time as plans and details have been submitted to and approved in writing by the Local Planning Authority showing the site set up during construction. This shall include details for all temporary contractors buildings, plant and stacks of materials, provision for the temporary parking of

contractors vehicles and the loading and unloading of vehicles associated with the implementation of this development. Such provision once approved and implemented shall be retained throughout the period of construction.

Reason: To avoid undue congestion of the site and consequent obstruction to access.