WEST SUSSEX COUNTY COUNCIL **DATE: 8th June 2012**
STRATEGIC PLANNING CONSULTATION

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SUBJECT: **AWDM/0585/12**

COU from B2 (Industrial) to B8 (Warehouse & Distribution) together with part demolition of front ancillary office building to provide new servicing area including alterations to existing access and provision of new vehicular exit, and 2.4m high perimeter fence and gates.

46, Dolphin Road, Shoreham-By-Sea, West Sussex, BN43 6PB

RECOMMENDATION:

Advice		**Modification**		**More Information**	
Objection	X	**No Objection**		**Refusal**	

In accordance with the WSCC Safety Audit Policy, a Road Safety Audit: Stage 1 is required for any major application that includes the formation of a new access. This should be accompanied with a 'Designer Response' and/or 'Exception Report' to address the problems raised within the audit.

Insufficient information has been submitted to review the proposed access arrangements. An access drawing detailing dimensions and the maximum achievable visibility splay from a set back of 2.4m should be submitted in support of the application.

It would appear that the electronic sliding gates are positioned such that any large vehicles entering the site would be required to stand in the Highway while the gates open to allow access, which could lead to rear shunt accidents, the need for overtaking manoeuvres where forward visibility is restricted by an articulated vehicle or obstruction of the carriageway. The Highway Authority would recommend that the gates are set back a sufficient distance from the edge carriageway to enable to largest vehicle to enter the site to stand clear of the Highway whilst waiting for access.

As such, the Highway Authority raises an objection on safety grounds for the reasons listed above.

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