

WEST SUSSEX COUNTY COUNCIL CONSULTATION

TO:	Adur & Worthing Councils FAO: Gary Peck
FROM:	WSCC – Highways Authority
DATE:	21 January 2026
LOCATION:	Telecommunication Site Bn0914 North Of Durrington Community Centre 2 Romany Road Worthing West Sussex
SUBJECT:	AWDM/1596/25 Application for Prior Approval for installation of a replacement telecommunications base station comprising 20m high monopole (5G), wrap-around cabinet, supporting 9no. antennas and 2no. 300mm diameter transmission dishes and ancillary development thereto.
DATE OF SITE VISIT:	n/a
RECOMMENDATION:	Advice

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

The proposal seeks Prior Notification for the installation of a replacement telecommunications base station at Telecommunication Site BN0914 (North of Durrington Community Centre). As part of the prior approval process, there are a number of matters to be considered. This includes matters relating to highways and transport. However, the GPDO is quite clear as to what highway matters can be considered, namely whether the proposal is likely to result in a material increase or a material change in the character of traffic in the vicinity of the site.

The site is located off Romany Road, a C-classified road subject to 30mph speed restrictions. The proposed equipment is to be located outside of the publicly maintained highway boundary, on land between the shopping centre car park and path leading to Durrington Community Centre. The equipment is not anticipated to obstruct vehicular or pedestrian visibility in this location. An inspection of data supplied to WSCC by Sussex Police over a period of the past five years reveals that there has been a single recorded collision in proximity of the site, however this was not attributed to road layout or any existing concerns with the road network at this point. Therefore, there is no evidence to suggest that the nearby road network is operating unsafely or that this proposal would exacerbate an existing safety concern.

Romany Road is sided by footways in this location. Therefore, the LHA does not anticipate that this proposal would result in an obstruction to any pedestrians who may be utilising or seeking refuge within the highway boundary. Movements generated by maintenance vehicles would be a pre-existing arrangement with the current telecommunications pole and therefore- post construction- would not be anticipated to generate a material increase in vehicular movements to this location.

Any traffic management mitigation that may be required during the works would need to be agreed with WSCC Highways prior to works taking place.

In conclusion, the LHA raises no highway safety or capacity concerns. If the Local Planning Authority is minded to grant planning consent the following informative note would be advised:

Informative

The applicant is advised to contact WSCC Highways to agree any required traffic management for the duration of the installation works (01243 642105).

Jodie Wilkes
West Sussex County Council – Planning Services