

WEST SUSSEX COUNTY COUNCIL CONSULTATION

TO:	Adur & Worthing Councils FAO: Amanda Haslett
FROM:	WSCC – Highways Authority
DATE:	4 March 2026
LOCATION:	Fitzalan Howard Day Centre Pavilion Road Worthing West Sussex BN14 7EF
SUBJECT:	AWDM/0071/26 Change of use from a day centre caring for adults with special needs to a children's day nursery (Use Class E) with a new fence to enclose frontage on Woodside Road
DATE OF SITE VISIT:	n/a
RECOMMENDATION:	Objection / More Information

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

The site is located on a junction to the north Pavillion Road and to the east of Woodside Road. The junction layout is unusual in that the Give-Way line at the end of Woodside Road has been pulled out into Pavillion Road to narrow and formalised the junction. The access to the site is into the junction itself and onto a hatched area of the highway.

There are 3 existing vehicle parking spaces which will be maintained, no changes are proposed to the existing pedestrian or vehicles access points. It is recommended that these spaces are to be reserved for Staff only.

Parking

There appears to be high parking pressure in Pavillion Road and Woodside Road as not all dwellings have sufficient off- road parking. In addition, a single yellow line restricts parking on the north side of Pavillion Road.

Proposal

The proposed application is to operate a children's day nursery opening at 7:30 and closing at 18:00. The application state there will be 8 full-time staff members, however there is no information on how many children will be catered for. Staggered arrival times are said to be encouraged but this would need to be an essential condition of any permission given the lack of parking.

The information provided is minimal so it is difficult to provide a full response at this time. Additional information is required as follows:

- Maximum number of Children
- Proposed session times ie AM/PM or as arranged with parents
- Local car parking survey
- Staff Parking arrangements and Staff Travel Plan
- Transport and Planning Statements
- Existing traffic levels – number of vehicle movements

The Highway Authority would object to this proposal due to the lack of information, very low level of parking and likely restrictions on parking on the local roads. Parents of nursery school age children tend not to just drop their children off, they park and settle their Children and converse with keyworkers. Parents also tend to park as close to the Nursery as possible. However, if the maximum number of children to attend at one time is low and a management plan for sessions, parking etc. is provided, the application can be reconsidered.

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