

WEST SUSSEX COUNTY COUNCIL CONSULTATION

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FROM:	WSCC – Highways Authority
DATE:	9 June 2025
LOCATION:	Provident House 50 Grafton Road Worthing West Sussex BN11 1QT
SUBJECT:	AWDM/0701/25 Change of use from nursery school (Use Class F1a) to offices (Use Class Egi).
RECOMMENDATION:	No Objection

West Sussex County Council, in its capacity as Local Highway Authority (LHA), have been consulted on change of use from nursery school to offices.

Grafton Road is D class, subject to 30mph and one way traffic (south to north). LHA has reviewed data supplied to WSCC by Sussex Police over a period of the last five years. There have been no recorded injury incidents on the nearby road network or site access. There is no evidence to suggest that the access is operating unsafely.

The existing dropped kerb would be retained which provides access to 2 x off-road car parking spaces (parallel to building).

No trip generation data has been provided. LHA have undertaken in-house assessment using TRICs and found 102sqm existing nursery use could see up to 4 trips in AM and 3 in PM peak hours. Office use could see up to 1 x vehicle movement in AM and PM peak hours respectively, due to small scale of floor area proposed. Thus no road network capacity issue anticipated.

WSCC Guidance advise 1 car parking space per 30sqm office floorspace (3.4 space). Whilst the provision is short of c. 1 x space, the LHA are mindful of the small scale of development, comprehensive parking restrictions on-street that prohibit parking in locations that would be detrimental to highway safety and accessibility of site (bus stops on A259 within short walking distance, Worthing Train Station 10-minute walk distant and town centre location). LHA consider location suited to modes other than private car.

Bicycle parking should be provided at 1 space per 150sqm for staff and 1 space per 500sqm for visitors – requirement for approx. 1 space. Considering accessible location advise 2 x spaces provided in form of Sheffield stand, details can be secured by condition.

The Local Highway Authority does not consider that the 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 115), and that there are no transport grounds to resist the proposal.

Cycle parking

No part of the development shall be first occupied until covered and secure cycle parking spaces have been provided in accordance with plans and details submitted to and approved by the Local Planning Authority.

Reason: To provide alternative travel options to the use of the car in accordance with current sustainable transport policies.

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