

WEST SUSSEX COUNTY COUNCIL CONSULTATION

TO:	Adur & Worthing Councils FAO: Peter Barnett
FROM:	Highways, WSCC
DATE:	17/03/2026
LOCATION:	Land at Stocks Gardens, West Street, Sompting
SUBJECT:	AWDM/0289/26 Change of use of land to a private gypsy and traveller caravan site for 4 pitches, including parking. Retention of existing caravans and hardstanding.
DATE OF SITE VISIT:	N/A
RECOMMENDATION:	Advice

This application has been dealt with in accordance with the Development Control Scheme protocol for small scale proposals.

WSCC in its role as Local Highway Authority (LHA) has been consulted on highway matters by the Local Planning Authority (LPA) for the proposed change of use of land to a private gypsy and traveller caravan site for four pitches, including retention of existing caravans and hardstanding. The site is located off West Street, a C-classified road subject to a speed restriction of 30 mph in this location.

No alterations are proposed to the existing vehicle access point on West Street. From inspection of WSCC mapping, there are no apparent visibility concerns with the existing point of access on West Street. In addition, the proposed development is not anticipated to give rise to a significant material intensification of use of the existing access point.

Two car parking spaces will be provided for each of the proposed pitches. Whilst technically a withdrawn document, the *Good Practice Guide on Designing Gypsy and Traveller Sites* (2008) recommended a provision of two car parking spaces per pitch. Therefore, the proposed parking provision is considered acceptable and is anticipated to meet the needs of the site. On-site turning appears achievable within the site, allowing vehicles to exit in a forward gear.

The site is located within walking/cycle distance of local services, amenities and public transport connections. Cycling is a viable option in the area, and provision for the secure storage of bicycles is also proposed.

In summary, the LHA does not consider that this 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 116), and that there are no transport grounds to resist the proposal.

If the LPA are minded to approve the application, the following conditions should be applied:

Car parking space (details approved)

No part of the development shall be first occupied until the car parking has been constructed in accordance with the approved site plan. These spaces shall thereafter be retained at all times for their designated purpose.

Reason: To provide car-parking space for the use

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 to be 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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