WEST SUSSEX COUNTY COUNCIL CONSULTATION

TO:	Adur & Worthing Councils FAO: Louise Prew
FROM:	WSCC – Highways Authority
DATE:	22 August 2025
LOCATION:	Worthing Hospital Lyndhurst Road Worthing West Sussex BN11 2DH
SUBJECT:	AWDM/0769/25 Installation of thermal stores and transformer, refurbishment of facade and associated works
DATE OF SITE VISIT:	n/a
RECOMMENDATION:	More Information

Sent via email 22/08/25

The Highway Authority would be unlikely to raise an objection to the proposal, however I do have a few queries which will need to be answered by the applicant:

- What is the current use of the service area and the service road which runs parallel to Park Avenue? There are 2 access points from the public highway from Park Avenue. Access 1 is located approximately 15m from the junction with Homefield Road, is very wide and provides access to the service area relevant to this application. It currently appears to be used for parking and storage and possibly used by the Works Department. The installation of the Thermal Stores will reduce space and the utilisation of this area.
- The location of the Transformer adjacent to the public footway will reduce pedestrian visibility for vehicles existing the access. However the access is wide and it would be advantageous to reduce the width of this access and extend the footpath which will improve this.
- A Construction Method Statement has been provided which details management of the site during construction.

The Highway Authority require information on the current use of the area and level of parking/vehicle access required post proposal. In light of this information, investigation by the applicant into the narrowing of the access to improve the walking route for pedestrians, especially blind or partially sighted individuals who use kerb lines for directional guidance. Whilst this is an important issue on all of our public highways, given the location adjacent to a hospital (including a specialist eye unit) safe walking routes are essential.

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