

WEST SUSSEX COUNTY COUNCIL CONSULTATION

TO:	Adur & Worthing Councils FAO: Louise Prew
FROM:	WSSC – Highways Authority
DATE:	17 September 2026
LOCATION:	Provident House 50 Grafton Road, Worthing, BN11 1QT
SUBJECT:	AWDM/0805/26 Change of use from school (Class F1) to Children's Nursery (Class E (f)).
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.

This proposal is for the change of use from school (Class F1) to Children's Nursery (Class E (f)). The site is located on Grafton Road, an unclassified road subject to a speed restriction of 30 mph.

The LHA previously provided consultation advice for this site for application AWDM/0701/25, raising no highway safety concerns. This Local Planning Authority (LPA) refused the application on grounds unrelated to highways.

No alterations are proposed to the existing access arrangements. The LHA does not anticipate that the change of use from a school to a children's nursery would give rise to a material intensification of movements to or from the site.

The site will retain two car parking spaces; any overspill parking would have to be accommodated on-street or within nearby paid-for provision.

Nearby roads have comprehensive parking restrictions in place prohibiting parking in places that would be detrimental to highway safety. The LHA does not anticipate that the proposed car parking provision would result in a highway safety concern. However, the LPA may wish to consider the potential impacts on on-street parking from an amenity point of view. Weight is given to the fact that the site is situated in a sustainable location within walking/cycle distance of local services, amenities, and public transport links.

No details have been provided regarding cycle storage. Cycling is a viable option in the area, and the LHA would request secure and covered cycle parking provision being provided if there is space within the site to accommodate this.

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 (in line with TR6 paragraph 4) and that there are no transport grounds to resist the proposal.

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

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.

Liz Corcoran

West Sussex County Council – Planning Services