WEST SUSSEX COUNTY COUNCIL CONSULTATION

TO:	Adur & Worthing Councils FAO: Peter Barnett
FROM:	WSCC - Highways Authority
DATE:	7 September 2021
LOCATION:	Project Vehicle Compound, Shoreham Techncial Centre, Old Shoreham Road, Lancing
SUBJECT:	AWDM/1468/21 Construction of a blockwork and chainlink fence compound to accommodate lorry trailers and pressure equipment.
DATE OF SITE VISIT:	N/A
RECOMMENDATION:	Advice
S106 CONTRIBUTION TOTAL:	N/A

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

This proposal is for the construction of a compound to accommodate lorry trailers and pressure equipment. The site is located on Old Shoreham Road, an unclassified road subject to a speed restriction of 30 mph.

The Application Form states that the compound will be utilised for the testing of hydrogen vehicle engines and will accommodate up to two hydrogen gas trailers. Considering this, the LHA does not anticipate that the proposed compound would give rise to a material intensification of movements to or from the site, when compared with the site as a whole.

From inspection of local mapping, there are no apparent visibility issues with the existing point of access onto the maintained highway. In addition, there have been no recorded injury accidents attributed to road layout within the vicinity of the site access in the last five years. Therefore, there is no evidence to suggest the existing access is operating unsafely or that the proposal would exacerbate an existing safety concern.

In addition to the above, from inspection of the plans, the proposed compound appears to be suitably sized to accommodate two trailers, and there is space within the site to accommodate on-site turning.

In conclusion, 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 111), and that there are no transport grounds to resist the proposal.

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