WEST SUSSEX COUNTY COUNCIL CONSULTATION

TO:	Adur & Worthing Councils FAO: Finlay Gardner
FROM:	WSCC – Highways Authority
DATE:	21 January 2025
LOCATION:	Suite 12C, Chapel House Business Centre, 3A Chapel Road, Worthing, BN11 1AY
SUBJECT:	AWDM/1441/24 Change of use to Taxi office (Sui Generis).
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 reconsulted for the above application, following the applicant's submission of additional information. The LHA previously provided comment on this application, dated 27/11/2024, requesting details relating to the function of the proposed taxi office.

The applicant has confirmed that the proposed taxi office will function much like a normal office, for the receiving and booking of calls. The office will not function as a base for taxis waiting for or collecting fares. Considering this, the LHA does not anticipate that the proposed change of use would give rise to a material intensification of movements to or from the site.

Access and parking arrangements would operate as existing, with staff parking on-street or within nearby paid-for provision. The site is situated in a sustainable location that is well accessible on foot, by cycle or by public transport.

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.

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