WEST SUSSEX COUNTY COUNCIL CONSULTATION

TO:	Adur & Worthing Councils FAO: Jason Albon
FROM:	Highways, WSCC
DATE:	09/12/2024
LOCATION:	21 St Botolphs Road, Worthing, BN11 4JS
SUBJECT:	AWDM/1457/24 Application to vary condition 3 of planning permission AWDM/0185/19 to increase child capacity from 90 to 120 children in the premises as a whole at any one time [AWDM/0185/19: Application to vary condition 4 of planning permission WB/08/0277/FULL to increase child capacity of day nursery from 65 to 90 children.]
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 application seeks the Variation of Condition 3 of application AWDM/0185/19, to allow for an increase of child capacity from 90 to 120 children in the premises as a whole at any one time.

For context, AWDM/0185/19 permitted the increase in child capacity to 90 children from 65. WSCC in its role as Local Highway Authority (LHA) were a consultee for application AWDM/0185/19, and no objections were raised from a highway safety point of view.

The current submission is supported by a Transport Report prepared by Reeves Transport Planning. The Transport Report includes expected trip rates for the proposed development, utilising existing trip data for all modes ascertained from surveyed existing travel demand. The LHA are satisfied with the methodology undertaken. The data would suggest an increase of six vehicle trips during the AM peaks, which the LHA would not consider a significant intensification. Weight is given to the fact the site is situated in a sustainable location that is well accessible on foot or by public transport.

I note that a Travel Plan was approved for the Nursery in 2019 as part of the previous application, and the LHA would request that if planning permission is granted, the Travel Plan be updated to reflect the increase in staff and child numbers.

I do note written representations referring to illegal parking. Illegal or dangerous parking, including parking on the footway, can be dealt with by Sussex Police. Both roads do benefit from waiting restrictions and any illegal parking could be dealt with as an offence under Section 22 Road Traffic Act 1088 (*Leaving vehicles in a dangerous position on the road including verge*), and Section 137 Highways Act 1980 (*Wilful obstruction of the free passage along a highway*). Both of these acts are enforceable by Sussex Police.

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 115), 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:

Travel Plan Statement (to be approved)
No part of the development shall be first occupied until such time as a Travel Plan Statement has been submitted to and approved in writing by the Local Planning Authority. The Travel Plan Statement shall be completed in accordance with the latest guidance and good practice documentation as published by the Department for Transport or as advised by the Highway Authority.
Reason: To encourage and promote sustainable transport.

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